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## American Intervention In Soviet-Finnish Crisis

# RED INVASION SPECULATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

**AMERICA'S ACTIVE INTERVENTION** in the Soviet-Finnish crisis with an offer of mediation has been warmly approved in an official British statement which declares that the dispute between Finland and Russia is not of a nature to justify recourse to warlike measures.

Expert opinion is divided on the next development in the situation and the naval and military concentrations of the U.S.S.R., though alarming, are not regarded as a decisive indication of impending invasion by Russia.

It is, however, felt that a compromise is only possible at Finland's expense, and that success of bullying tactics would merely stimulate further Russian experimentation in other directions.

One school of thought is convinced that if Finland does not concede all Russian demands immediately, the invasion will take place while conditions make such a step possible. Finland is, however, under a white mantle of snow and lakes are freezing over.

It is pointed out that Finland would be able to rely upon Swedish volunteers, in addition to her army of 800,000 men, and probably also, upon Swedish munitions and Swedish financial assistance.

### WHY THE HURRY?

Authoritative circles in Helsinki draw attention to the extreme haste of the Soviet moves in the present crisis, severance of relations without awaiting a re-

ply to the Russian Note, and are inclined to wonder whether the hurry has not been induced by the fact that Leningrad and its advanced military harbour, Kronstadt, will soon be blocked by ice, or whether it is evidence of the Soviet desire to force a quick issue of the Finnish problem in order to devote all its attention to the Balkans.

This is a popularly held theory, particularly as there are hints of a belief in Moscow that if certain Finnish islands desired by Russia are arbitrarily seized, Finland will offer

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## WARSHIP WINS AGAIN

London, To-day.

Gunfire off the Norwegian coast yesterday was apparently caused by anti-aircraft fire from a British destroyer attacked by a German seaplane.

The attack was beaten off, without damage to the destroyer or loss among the crew.

A seaplane made a forced landing in North-West Norway after the engagement, badly damaged, and it is fairly certain that this was the aircraft involved in the attack.

The Norwegian authorities have interned the crew.

Two other Nazi aircraft crews were interned yesterday. One of them made a forced landing in Switzerland and another in Faroe Islands. — Reuter.

### CREW OF FOUR

London, To-day.

It is reported from Thorshaven, in the Faroe Islands, that a German seaplane, carrying a crew of four, was wrecked last evening at Suderoe. — Reuter.

**WEATHER FORECAST:**—North-East winds, fresh; fair.

## LIVERPOOL STEAMER SUNK

London, To-day.

The crew of the Liverpool steamer, Ionian, of 3,000 tons, wrecked off the East Coast yesterday, has been landed at a North-East Coast port by a British warship.

It is presumed that she struck a mine. The crew totalled 38 and no lives were lost.—Reuter.

## FORMAL OFFER BY U.S.

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Mr. Cordell Hull, U.S. Secretary of State, has formally offered the good offices of the United States to Russia and Finland.

The decision was announced to the press after a telephone conversation between Mr. Hull and the President, who is on holiday at Warm Springs, Georgia.

All diplomatic formalities used in such cases will be discarded, as it is felt that the offer is urgently necessary.

While the U.S.A. have often urged conciliation and mediation, it is the first time in the recent crises that Washington has offered to mediate itself.

The United States, however, will not mediate but only offer contacts.

### DIRECT NEGOTIATIONS IMPOSSIBLE

This decision is particularly necessary now when a rupture of diplomatic relations renders direct negotiations impossible.

Informed circles do not believe that the American offer will meet with full and immediate success, as the Soviet has gone too far, but it possibly grants a breathing spell for further efforts towards peace.—Havas.

## FRITZ KUHN FOUND GUILTY

New York, To-day.

Fritz Kuhn, leader of the German-American Bund, was yesterday convicted of grand larceny of Bund funds and of forgery.

Kuhn will be sentenced on December 5. The maximum penalty is thirty years' imprisonment.—Reuter.

## RANTING ON THE RADIO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

Continuing its violent anti-Finnish outburst, the Soviet radio describes the Finnish Government as "mad dogs."

The radio announcer said last night: "The sailors of the Baltic Red Fleet and Soviet airmen are impatiently awaiting orders to give the final lesson to the Finnish lunatics."

He went on: "A resolution was voted by a workers' meeting yesterday saying that the blood of the Soviet soldiers shed by the Finnish bandits will be avenged."—Havas.



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## CHINESE INTERNEE KILLED IN ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE

**AN INTERNEE OF THE Chinese soldiers' Intern-  
ment camp at Matauchung was shot at and kill-  
ed while making an attempt to escape yester-  
day morning.**The shot that killed the man was one of three fired  
by Sergeant Rothwell, the other two wounding  
a boy employed in the Camp.At 11.50 a.m. yesterday, Lau  
Kwong-fuk, 25-year-old inmate of the  
Camp, crawled under the barbed-  
wire and over the outer fence, on  
the west side of the No. 6 Sentry  
Post which is not manned between  
6 a.m. and 6 p.m.He was observed by Indian Guard  
No. 196, on duty at the No. 5 Sen-  
try Post. The guard shouted a warn-  
ing to the man who ignored it. The  
guard fired two shots from his rifle  
which, however, had no effect.

### SHOT THROUGH HEAD

Attracted by the shots, Sergeant  
Rothwell, on duty outside the Camp,  
rushed to the vicinity and fired three  
shots from his revolver at the fleeing  
escapee. The last shot penetrated  
the man's head killing him on the  
spot while the other two wounded a  
boy, employed in the camp, in the  
left side and right hand. He was  
treated at the Kowloon Hospital but  
not detained.This was the first instance where  
an escapee was shot at and killed  
while attempting to escape.

## "ROSE DAY"

Roses will be sold on the streets  
to-morrow for the benefit of the  
Hong Kong poor helped by the Society  
of St. Vincent de Paul.The Bazaar which the Society held  
for the same object a month ago  
proved very successful, but the funds  
obtained are far short of what is re-  
quired for the coming year.As the needs of the poor are  
greater than ever, it puts its appeal  
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request for generous support.

## THAELMANN REPORTED EXECUTED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

The "Daily Herald" reports  
that Ernst Thaelmann, the Ger-  
man Communist leader, was exe-  
cuted a few days before the sign-  
ing of the Soviet-German Non-  
Aggression pact.It was previously rumoured that  
Thaelmann had been released  
from a concentration camp.—  
Havas.

## ROOSEVELT FOR THIRD TERM?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

A poll taken by the magazine  
"Fortune" reveals the growth of  
President Roosevelt's popularity.A total of 47.4 per cent favou-  
red the President's third term, as  
against 34.9 shortly after the  
outbreak of the European con-  
flict.—Havas."A Lecture on "The Restoration of  
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**FIRST STREET MURDER CASE**

# JURY RETURNS A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

AFTER A RETIREMENT of 12 minutes to-day, the Jury in the First Street murder case, found Ip Kui, charged with the murder of his daughter-in-law, not guilty, and accused was discharged.

The case was heard before the Chief Justice Sir Atholl MacGregor.

The Crown case was conducted by Mr. M. J. Abbott, while defendant was represented by Mr. T. F. Lo, instructed by Mr. F. Nash.

The following were the jury: Messrs. A. Gascon (foreman), Cheong Jak-fun, Yu Chik-yin, Wong Chan-kwen, Shui-lag, S. Bux and H. S. Law.

Accused, in evidence, said that he had a quarrel with deceased. He threw pillows at her and she used a broom. The son came in and flung his arms round him and he left the place.

He had a meal outside and went to No. 303, Des Voeux Road West. At 7 p.m. he went back to No. 79, First Street. He took his knife with him. "Because he had seen knives used in fights between his son and daughter-in-law." While he was there, his son returned, pushed him on to the bed and struck him several times with the fist. They were separated and he proceeded to go downstairs. He was again struck by his son. He grew angry and returned to the flat.

## WANTED TO FIGHT SON

He wanted to fight his son because, after being struck in the cubicle, he was again struck on the staircase. Blows were exchanged and he struck his son with the knife on the right eye. The knife was in his left hand. He could not use his right hand as his thumb was injured. As his hand went down with the motion he heard a cry from his daughter-in-law who was behind him. She shouted that she had been struck. He was frightened and Ip Man, his son, snatched the knife from him.

In answer to Mr. Abbott, accused said his daughter-in-law refused to give him money to redeem his clothing.

The knife had been resharpened two days previously and was used for cooking. He had seen knives used between the couple when quarrelling on two occasions.

He had forgotten to tell his counsel that he took the knife with him because he had seen knives used previously.

## THREE POINTS

Mr. Abbott said that facts were agreed, except for three points. Those were, whether the blow was or was not aimed at deceased. Was she standing in front of the accused? Was the knife used in the right or left hand?

Mr. Lo said the fatal blow was not intended for deceased and added that though the incident was witnessed by four persons there were variations in the stories.

Medical evidence had shown that the blow could have been inflicted as described by accused. He asked the jury to accept the accused's story as true for a man of his intelligence would not be able to make up a story that would coincide with medical evidence.

# BATTLE OFF NORWAY?

Oslo, To-day.

A fierce battle between warships and aircraft yesterday off the southwest coast of Norway is reported.

A naval observer says that he could see the flash of guns.

So far, there is no confirmation of this report in London.—Reuter.

## HONG KONG FINANCE MEETING DENIED

Shanghai, To-day.

Reports that the Ministry of Finance of the Chinese National Government has summoned a third National Financial Conference in Hong Kong on Saturday are denied by local financial circles, according to Chinese press reports here.—Reuter.

Mr. Tiffondale, aged 73, residing at No. 231, Nathan Road, was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday afternoon. He collapsed outside the Peninsula Hotel as the result of a heart attack.

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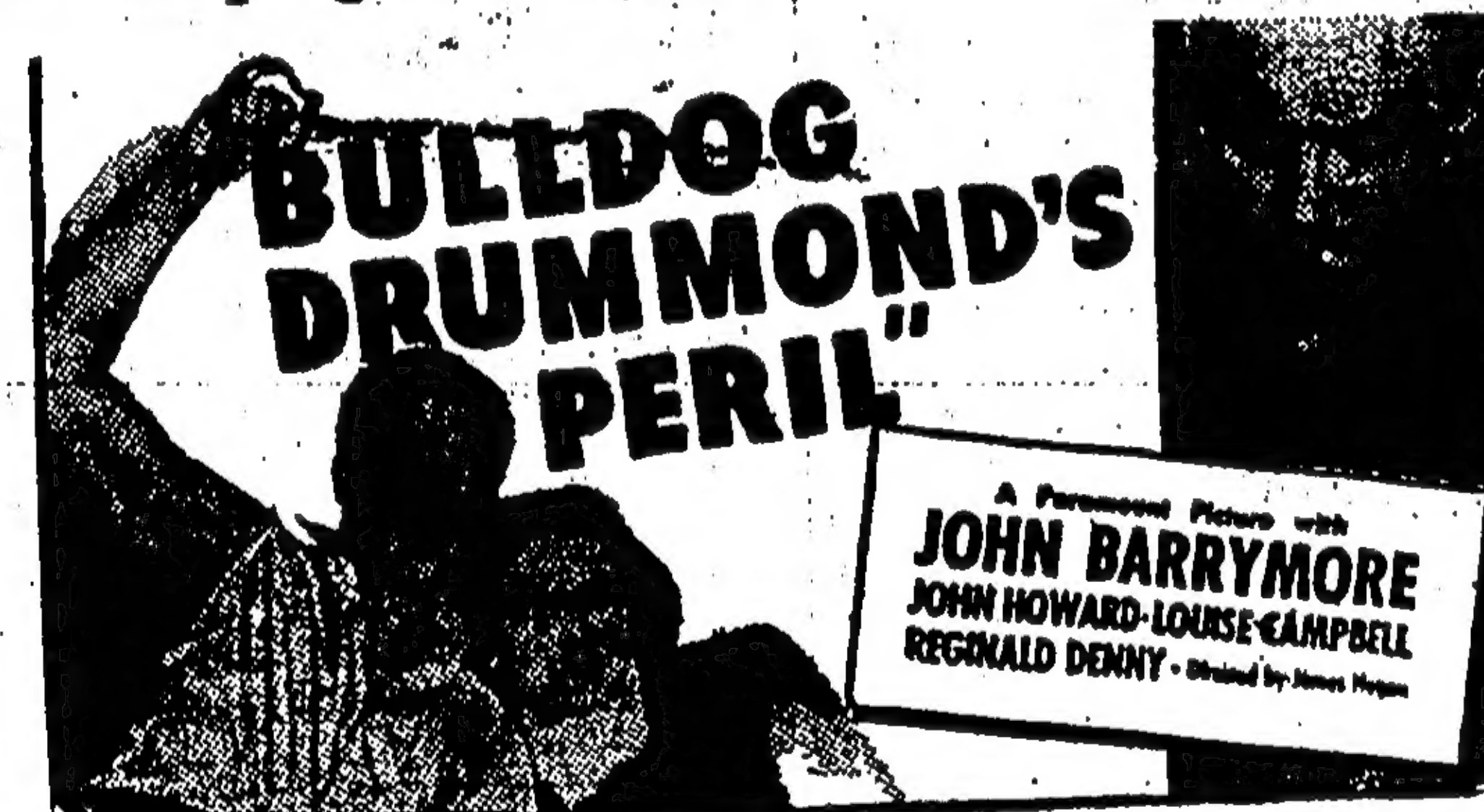
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# FOREIGN OFFICE ISSUES REPLY TO GERMANY: WAR GUILT

London, To-day.

**THE FOREIGN OFFICE** last night replied to the German publication which has attempted to refute the British blue book on Germany's war guilt.

The statement says that apparently the German Government is now claiming that Lord Halifax, the Foreign Minister, and the British Ambassador to Warsaw did their best to prevent the Polish Government from entering into "serious negotiations" with Germany.

It was of course known to everyone including the German Government that the British people took the initiative in doing everything possible to bring about direct German-Polish negotiations.

The statement adds: "Hitler made up his mind to go to war and the efforts of the British Government to secure a negotiated settlement and thereby maintain the peace of Europe failed to prevent Germany from entering the war, for the miseries of which, she is solely and entirely responsible before the judgment of the free people of the world."—Reuter.

## GERMANY CANCELS BIG ORDER

Buenos Aires, To-day.

German firms, including Krupp and Thyssen, have told the Argentine State Railways that they cannot fulfil a £1,000,000 order for rolling stock owing to the war.

Wheat and cotton from Argentina were to have been taken in exchange and shipment was to have been via the Netherlands. — Reuter.

### CHARITY DANCE

A successful charity dinner dance was held at the Rose Room, Peninsula Hotel, last night by the Chinese Youths' Medical Relief Association. It was in aid of the wounded and refugees in China. An excellent cabaret programme was presented.

## THERESE MOLLER CASE

**FOUND TECHNICALLY GUILTY OF DESERTION AT SHANGHAI, CHIEF OFFICER C. B. SKINNER, OF THE S.S. THERESE MOLLER, WAS CAUTIONED BY COMMANDER G. F. HOLE, AT THE MARINE COURT.**

Defendant was summoned at the instance of the master of the ship, Captain J. M. Byrne, who alleged that defendant left the ship at Shanghai because his "boy" had been replaced by another by the new steward.

The Harbour Master admonished the Captain for a breach of the Merchant Shipping Act by travelling from Shanghai to Hong Kong without a Chief Officer. The Captain replied that the ship departed on a Sunday and it was not possible to get an officer that day.

## DUTCH TO CARRY ON

London, To-day.

It was announced in The Hague yesterday that, despite the losses to neutral ships at sea, Netherlands ships will continue without restriction.

The Belgian Channel steamer service between Ostend and Folkestone was resumed yesterday. — Reuter.

## RELAXING NEUTRALITY ACT UNDER STUDY

Washington, To-day.

It is learned that officials of the State Department are studying the possibility of relaxing the operation of the Neutrality Act, for special circumstances.

The main issue being considered is whether it is permissible to permit American goods to be carried to a neutral, via a belligerent port, without insisting on the transfer of the title beforehand.

It is stated that that matter has been raised as the result of enquiries by Switzerland, which has no port of her own and enquired whether Switzerland could ship American goods through Marseilles without transferring the title before the goods left the United States.

The State Department has not yet reached a decision, but the matter is being discussed in the light of the apparent intention of Congress not to disrupt normal trading relations with neutrals any more than necessary. — Reuter.

## N.Z. LAND SCHEMES

Wellington, To-day.

Six thousand men will be transferred from New Zealand relief schemes and public works to land development.

The Minister of Labour announces that the country's industrial and farming development will open a field for the surplus population of Britain after the war. — Reuter.

## NORWAY RESERVES RIGHTS

Oslo, To-day.

The Government has urged that Britain and France to reconsider the decision to seize German exports in the light of international law and have reserved the right to claim compensation for any damage to Norwegian trade and shipping in consequence of the Allies' measures. — Reuter.

## LORD MAYOR AT NOVEL AUCTION

London, To-day.

The Lord Mayor has acted at one of the most novel auctions ever known. He himself raised the last bid to a round figure just before closing the auction.

The work of the "Y.M.C.A." in the last war is well known. In this war, however, the services are more scattered and the problem of the "Y" is thus more difficult. One way of meeting the problem is by means of mobile centres, consisting of motor lorries which are shops on wheels.

Several are already in operation in Britain, and the auction was held in honour of the first "tea car," as they are called, to go overseas. All those who made bids will have their names put on a plaque inside the car.

The "tea cars," of course, do more than dispense tea. They sell cigarettes, books and magazines and also act as a general information bureau and post office.

### ACCUMULATIVE

The auction was an accumulative auction, in which each bidder contributed the difference between his bid and the preceding one. Bidding was spirited.

After 20 minutes, the Lord Mayor closed the auction himself—he was auctioneer—by himself raising the total.

He was heard to murmur "1165, 1165," and then to say:—"I am afraid I must close the auction—at £1200!" — Reuter.

## GERMAN STRATEGY BESET BY DIVIDED COUNSELS

London, To-day.

**THE CHANCELLOR** of the Exchequer, speaking at a luncheon in London yesterday said the war had not developed in the way originally expected, with a great battle on the Western Front and aerial attacks on London.

None the less, three months had provided material from which to make deductions and to form judgment as to the ultimate prospects.

It could not be doubted that German strategy had been beset with divided counsels. If Herr Hitler had relied on Herr von Ribbentrop for expert advice about the British people, the German Chancellor must have had a shattering awakening.

In the meantime, Sir John Simon claimed, the position of the Allies was improving week by week. The numbers of the Expeditionary Force in France were growing and would rapidly grow.

The British Navy had resumed its immemorial role of holding the seas

and protecting British commerce.

As to the air, there was a conviction, steadily growing, that British pilots and machines were more than a match for those opposed to them.

Sir John Simon concluded by a reference to the quiet sense, determination and resolve which marked British men and women.

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## SOVIET BREAKS OFF RELATIONS WITH FINLAND

### AMERICA'S OFFER TO MOSCOW

Washington, To-day.  
The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, prior to the latest news from Moscow, had announced that the United States Government was ready to extend its good offices in the Finnish-Soviet dispute.

Mr. Hull stated that the Government was following with serious concern the intensification of the Finnish-Soviet dispute, and would view with extreme regret an extension of the present area of war, consequent upon the further deterioration of international relations.

Without in any way becoming involved in the dispute and limiting its interest to a solution by peaceful processes only, the Government would, if in were agreeable to both parties, gladly extend its good offices.

This offer was not communicated to the Soviet or Finnish Governments but was made known as an outline of United States policy.—Reuter.

### ZEESSEN PULLS A FAST ONE

London, To-day.  
A broadcast yesterday by the German Radio stated that the British tanker, "James John Maguire" was sunk last week off the English East Coast, but the Admiralty was still silent about the loss.

In fact, reports of the damage to this ship by a mine were published in the British Press several days ago,

Moscow, To-day.  
**THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT** has broken off diplomatic relations with Finland and has ordered the High Command of the Red Army, the Navy and the Air Force to hold themselves in readiness for any eventuality.

This further sensational development in Soviet-Finnish relations, before Finland had had an opportunity of presenting a reply to the last Soviet Note, was announced by the Foreign Minister, M. Molotov, in a nation-wide broadcast last night.

M. Molotov declared that notwithstanding all the Soviet concessions, which he failed to enumerate, the Finnish Government had become increasingly provocative. The Soviet, he claimed, were compelled to take this step for the external security of the State.

Moscow had asked Finland for certain guarantees for the safety, especially, of Leningrad, but Finland adopted an irresponsible and irreconcilable attitude, instead of a policy of understanding.

The Soviet Foreign Minister insisted that the step was not taken to destroy Finland. He declared that Soviet Russia had no intention of harming Finnish interests.

**NAVAL CONCENTRATION**  
Action taken by the Soviet, since the announcement includes the concentration of naval forces off the Finnish coast.

together with photographs.  
As already stated in the Press, this tanker, of 10,325 tons, was not sunk but was successfully brought to port for repair.—British Wireless.

There is marked military and aerial activity in the Leningrad area, and reports from Helsinki indicate a belief in well-informed quarters that the Soviet may begin military action to-day (Thursday).

It is revealed in Helsinki that the Finnish Minister in Moscow called at the Soviet Foreign Office to present Finland's reply. He was received and handed his passport.

It is thought in the Finnish capital that the first attack, if it comes, may be in the Far North.

Helsinki's public was not informed of the Soviet decision last night and the city carried on as usual.

**PARIS CALM**  
In Paris, where reports of an 18-hour ultimatum have been received, it is still thought that the Soviet will not resort to an act of war. The Soviet action has been noted without excitement, in the belief that Moscow is carrying the "war of nerves" to the last stage, but will not begin military operations which might involve the whole of the Scandinavian nations, and further jeopardise Germany's economic interests.—Reuter.

### UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF SOVIET ATTACK

Helsinki, To-day.  
Unofficial reports state that a Finnish frontier post well within Finnish territory has been attacked. The telephone was cut, the post itself is marked with bullets and several guards are missing.—Reuter.

### SOVIET RIDES ROUGHSHOD OVER TREATY

London, To-day.  
Authoritative circles in London observe that the Soviet Government in denouncing the Soviet-Finnish Treaty have ignored article five specifically laying down conciliation procedure for any question arising out of any violation of mutual undertakings with regard to non-aggression that has occurred.

M. Malsky must be embarrassed in attempting to explain away his Government riding roughshod over the treaty which he himself signed.—Reuter.

### FINLAND TO GIVE "PROOF OF GOOD WILL"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")  
Stockholm, To-day.  
The Helsinki correspondent of the "National Tidende" reports authoritatively:

"Finland will give the Soviet new proof of her good-will."—Hayas.

### U.S. TO MAKE EFFORT IN MOSCOW?

Riga, To-day.  
The American Ambassador to Moscow, Mr. Steinhardt, who was spending a brief holiday in Riga, left by air for Moscow last night, on receipt of instructions from Washington.  
No indication is forthcoming concerning the nature of his instructions, but it is inferred that his return is connected with the increasing gravity of the Soviet-Finnish situation.—Reuter.

### NAVAL WAR CAMEO

British destroyer on patrol. Captain signals engines to stop. First Lieutenant appears on the bridge.  
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# NEUTRALS SHOULD ASSESS MERITS OF THE ALTERNATIVE: BRITAIN'S REPRISAL PLAN

London, To-day.

**THE ANGLO-FRENCH decision regarding the stopping of Germany's export trade is generally discussed in the British Press, and the consensus is that such restrictions are better for neutrals than the two alternatives.**

"The Times" says that the necessity is regretful, but far greater sacrifices are being made by the Allies for a cause which is not merely their own.

Apart from Japan, greater appreciation of the justice of the Allied decision is being shown by neutral countries after the initial objections when the measures were announced.

In the face of the illegal Nazi activity, some action in restraint was absolutely necessary. While the Nazis cynically urge the neutrals to stand up for their rights, they themselves show no respect for such rights on either land or sea. "The Times" concludes.

## GRIM BUSINESS

"War is a grim business," says the "News Chronicle." When notes of protest to Whitehall come in, we are entitled to ask the neutral countries to remember the alternative — the triumph of Nazism.

The prevention of that, says the paper, is worth a good deal of sacrifice.

The "Daily Mail" says that Germany's export trade will be confined to south-west Europe, and the Balkan countries are not overloyed at the prospect. Britain can also capture these markets.

## RATIONING

Concerning the proposed introduction of rationing for bacon and butter, general satisfaction is expressed at the news that such rationing will not come into force until after Christmas.

The "Daily Telegraph" hopes that if further supplies come in, the rationing will be made lighter. But rationing is the only way to make certain that no one goes hungry while others have more than enough.

Both the "Daily Mail" and the "News Chronicle" say that the British people approve the Government's decision; they do not question it and will accept it patriotically.

"The Times" asks how it is possible to have voluntary rationing of sugar but not of bacon and butter? But no one need go short of first class nourishments, as there are alternative foods in ample supply. — Reuter.

## AIR RAID OVER FIRTH OF FORTH

London, To-day.

There was an air raid over the Firth of Forth yesterday, but although machine-gun fire was heard there was no air raid alarm and no planes were sighted.

It is believed, however, that two R.A.F. machines intercepted a Heinkel bomber and drove it off. — Reuter.

## SOUTH AFRICAN MEAT EXPORTS

London, To-day.

The South African Meat Control Board is to export about 20,000 carcasses of mutton to the United Kingdom by January 15, bringing the total for the season up to 70,000 carcasses. — Reuter.

## GRANADA'S OFFER

London, To-day.

The small West Indian island, Granada, famous for its cocoa and nutmeg forests, is trying to collect 80,000 pounds of cocoa as a free gift to the British fighting forces.

The population of the island is 80,000 and it is hoped that each member will collect at least one pound of cocoa. — British Wireless.

## ALLIED ACTION SIMILAR TO 1915 IN ALL ESSENTIALS

London, To-day.

**THE ACTION WHICH the Allies are taking against German exports in retaliation for Germany's violations of international law, are, in all essentials, similar to the action they took in the last war when, in March, 1915, they found it necessary to adopt reprisals for her then flouting of the laws of warfare.**

Subsequently, in February, 1917, after Germany had proclaimed unrestricted submarine warfare, further retaliation took the form of making exports of German origin in neutral ownership liable not only to seizure and detention but confiscation.

Under yesterday's Order-in-Council, however, neutral owners of goods seized and detained as exports from Germany will not suffer total loss.

The application of the measure upon which the Allies decided bears a number of signs of careful consideration which has been given to avoiding as far as possible the infliction of hardship on neutral interests.

## SPECIAL HARDSHIP

Moreover, it is stated, consideration will be given over and above the concessions announced in the terms of the Order-in-Council to any cases where it can be shown that special hardship is liable to result to neutral interests from the operation of the Order.

Official circles do not deny that the reprisal is bound to have an adverse effect on neutrals in many instances, but it is pointed out that not all neutral interests will suffer loss. The loss in some cases will be offset by gains in others.

Many neutral producers and exporters may hope to benefit from the interruption of competitive German exports.

It is understood that tolerance will be given of up to 25 per cent. of German material in neutral produce. — British Wireless.

## NO INCIDENT OF ANY IMPORTANCE

Paris, To-day.

A communique issued this evening says that there has been no incident of any importance on the front. There has been harassing fire by our artillery and a few patrol encounters. — Reuter.

## AIR RAID ALARM IN N. W. FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

The air-raid alarm was sounded over northwest France yesterday morning; the all-clear came five minutes later. — Reuter.

## BELGIUM AGAIN PROTESTS

Brussels, To-day.

It is learned from a reliable source that the Belgian Government has lodged yet a further protest with Berlin regarding the continued flying of German planes over Belgian territory. — Reuter.

## CONTRABAND CONTROL IN OPERATION

LONDON, TO-DAY.

**THE WEEKLY STATEMENT ON THE WORKING OF THE BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL SHOWS THAT DURING THE WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 25, THE CONTRABAND COMMITTEE, CONSIDERED 134 NEW CASES OF SHIPS AND 51 CASES OUTSTANDING FROM THE PREVIOUS WEEK.**

The combined total included 31 Italian ships, 29 Dutch, 28 Norwegian, 20 British, 15 Greek, 13 Swedish, 13 United States, 13 Danish, 8 Belgian and 5 Finnish.

During this period, one cargo was wholly seized and 97 cargoes were wholly released, either on first consideration, or after enquiries.

During the week, the system under which advance copies of manifests are received and considered before the ship's arrival resulted in 31 cases being so dealt with, and in 20 cases in the ships concerned being released by the Committee subject merely to a formal checking of the original manifests on their arrival at Control Bases.

On November 28, there were 85 neutral ships in the three Contraband Control bases in the U.K., of which 47 had been in for less than a week. — British Wireless.

## 100,000 TONS OF PETROL

London, To-day.

During the week ended November 25, the British Contraband Control intercepted and detained approximately 21,500 tons of contraband goods, suspected to be destined for Germany.

The total included 11,600 tons of petroleum products, 4,400 tons of cotton, 2,000 tons of copra, 900 tons of fodder, 650 tons of hides and skins, 600 tons of fibres, 430 tons of copper, 250 tons of foodstuffs.

In the first twelve weeks of the war, the British Contraband Control has detained a total of nearly 463,000 tons, including over 100,000 tons of petroleum products. — British Wireless.



Major-General the Duke of Gloucester acting as guide to Mr. Anthony Eden and the Dominions representatives during their visit to the battlefield recently. (Official War Office Picture).



# Half Germany's Submarine Fleet Destroyed

## THIRTY U-BOATS SUNK

### HYDROPHONES SPELL DOOM FOR NAZI CRAFT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

**THE FRENCH MINISTER of Navy, M. Cesar Campinchi, has made the following statement to the press:—**

"Since the beginning of the war, the enemy has lost a minimum of 30 submarines; i.e. more than half its submarine fleet."

Explaining the heavy proportion of losses, he explained that the submarine has not progressed much since the last war. It is more powerfully armed and has stronger engines, but its vulnerability and slowness remain identical.

Meanwhile, anti-submarine defence has progressed considerably, notably by the widespread use of "hydrophones" for detecting and locating the noise of submarine engines; by aerial observation; and by the use of depth charges.

Even in 1917, when in four months submarines sank 2,000,000 tons they could not modify the fate of the war.

Now conditions are completely different. Even if all the German naval yards build only submarines, Germany will not possess before September, 1940, a submarine fleet capable of seriously disturbing Allied shipping.

#### MINE DANGER

Meanwhile, anti-submarine measures have been developed by the Allied fleets, which are also organized to combat the mine danger. The magnetic mine is a new arm, but every new engine meets with its antidote.

On the other hand, Germany is unable to combat the blockade. In the first 68 days of the war France alone had seized 223,000 tons of goods bound for the enemy.

He concluded: We may look ahead with confidence.—Havas.

### "POLAND HAS CEASED TO EXIST"

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Stockholm, To-day.

Germany has officially notified Sweden that Poland has ceased to exist and that consequently it is useless for Sweden to continue the obligation she assumed at the beginning of the war to take care of Polish interests in Germany.—Havas.

#### TURKISH MISSION IN LONDON

London, To-day.

A Turkish mission, headed by the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has arrived in London. The party numbers ten, and includes the Director of the Ministry of Commerce and leading financial officials.—Reuter.

### BRITAIN READY FOR HURRICANE

London, To-day.

Britain has the reputation of always being unprepared, said the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir John Simon, speaking at a luncheon, but this time plans were prepared in advance and far exceeded in all sorts of directions anything we had previously achieved in our previous history.

If the full blast of the hurricane had come immediately, the people of this country would have had good reason to appreciate the value of these preparations.

Sir John declared that it was a wonderful proof of the courage and determination of the British people that an institution like his budget should have been accepted calmly and readily by practical hard-headed men.—Reuter.

### NAZI SHIPS CAPTURED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

The two German freighters captured by French warships are the Trifels, 6,000 tons, and the Santa Fe, 4,000 tons.

The Trifels, 430 feet long, was owned by the Deutsche Dampfschiffahrts, operated by "Hansa," while the Santa Fe was owned by the Hamburg-Süd Amerika Dampfschiffahrts.—Havas.

Mrs. R. R. Davies, of No. 7, Garden Terrace, has reported the theft of a child's carriage cover, valued at \$5.



British destroyers putting out to sea at the break of dawn, to carry out their job of hunting down the Nazi U-boats. (Air Mail. Copyright).

### DR. BEDA DIES IN NAZI CAMP

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

It is learned from Switzerland that Dr. Loehner Beda, the famous Viennese composer, and co-author, with Franz Lehar, of many operettas, has died.

Beda, who was part Jew, was interned in the Buchenwald concentration camp where he is alleged to have committed suicide; at least, this was the official report to his wife.

Nazi hatred against Beda was motivated by the fact that he wrote an Austrian patriotic song for which Chancellor Schuschnigg thanked him.

After his imprisonment, his operettas were still played in the Reich and Hitler himself applauded them — but the composer's name disappeared from the bills.—Havas.

### GERMANY SUPPORTS SOVIET

Berlin, To-day.

The German Government announces it is morally and sympathetically on the side of Soviet Russia in the present dispute with Finland, on the grounds that the Soviet Union's vital security, existence and rights are involved.

It is expected that if there is a Russo-Finn clash, Germany will be "benevolently neutral with a full understanding of the Russian attitude."

Germany will stand aside and give Russia a free hand.—Reuter.

#### PAPAL NUNCIO CALLS ON RIBBENTROP

Berlin, To-day.

The Papal Nuncio called on Herr von Ribbentrop, the Reich Foreign Minister, yesterday.—Reuter.

A sum of \$14.45 was stolen from the common room in the Belilos Girls' School yesterday, according to a report made to the police by Mrs. Bascombe.

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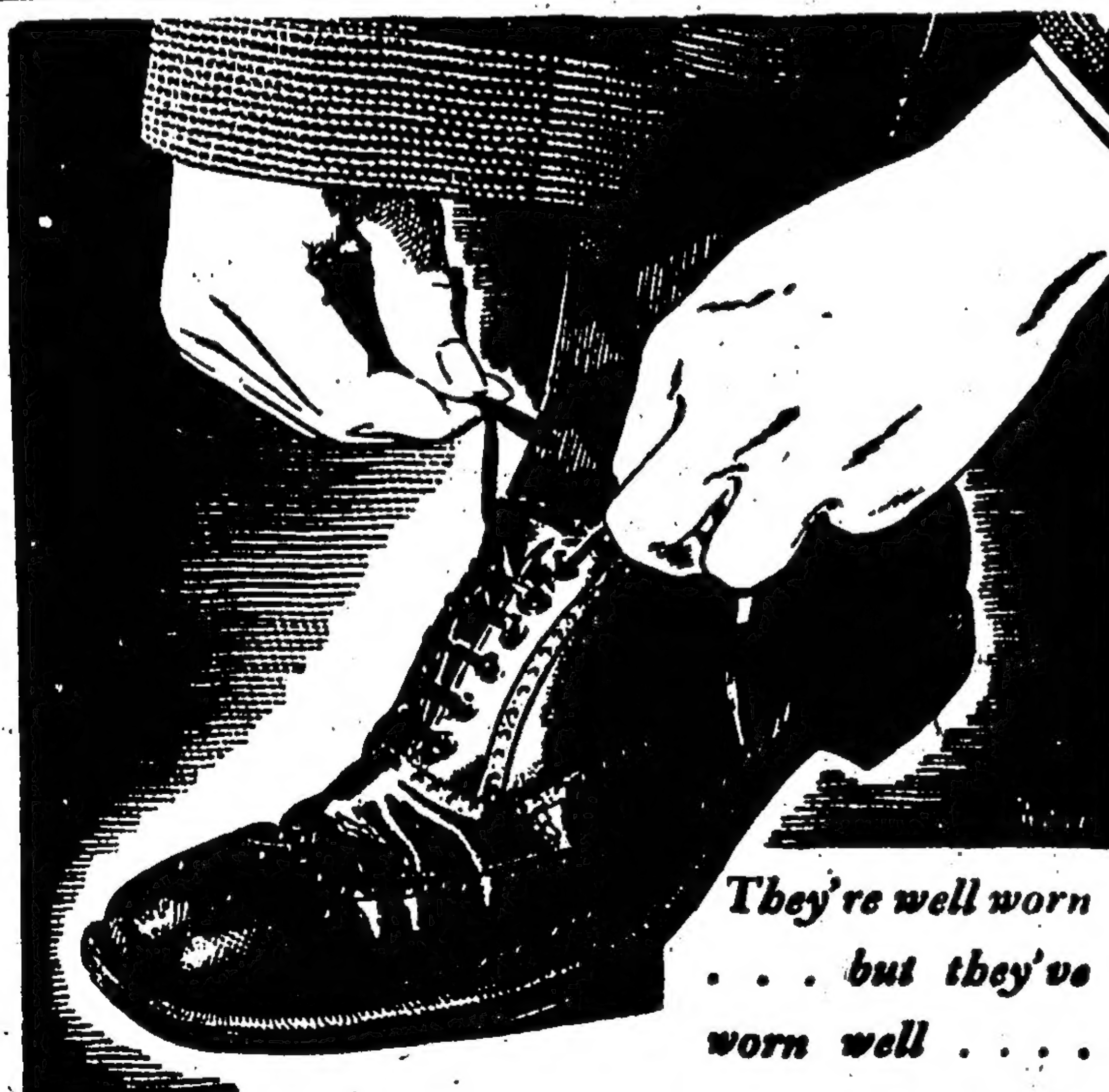


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## MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

### POOR BUT BUSY

In the Tass Agency yarn about "Finnish reactionaries" who are "dreaming of spreading Finland's borders to the Urals" the operative word, as you might say, is "dreaming". But precisely who is doing the dreaming, and whether the vision belongs to the Finns or the Tass Agency, is a point that may safely be left to the judgment of the enlightened reader. It will be noticed, however, that it is the British who are once more at the back of the whole thing, even as they were in the case of the Munich bomb explosion. They it is who are egging on the otherwise tranquil and obedient Finns (population a little over three and a half millions) to invade and overwhelm Russia (population one hundred and forty millions) as far as the Urals. It is remarkable what a lot of time the British seem to have on their hands—one fairly large-sized war against Germany is nothing enough to occupy their attention. Perhaps the next vision from the Tass Agency will be of a vast British expeditionary force in Finland to assist the Finns in their promised route-march to the Urals. We may not have much money, but we do seem to spread ourselves about a bit. —"Manchester Guardian."

### CHIEF RELIANCE

Diplomatic moves, like the Berlin-Moscow pact, and attacks on shipping, are primarily efforts to break the blockade. And on the other side it becomes increasingly evident that France and Britain are making blockade their chief reliance in the effort to end Hitlerism. Mr. Chamberlain has said there will be no "adventures," and military experts agree that the Allies' most effective course is to rest on the defensive while tightening the economic clamps on Germany.

Only those willing to guess can say how effective the blockade of the Reich will be. Reports that Russia is promising 1,000,000 tons of food are countered by others that Berlin has ordered ration cards even for cows and pigs. Germany is drawing supplies not only from Russia, but from Poland, which may make up her coal deficit, from Southeastern Europe and from Italy, through which vital oil supplies are going.

But manifestly Britain and France are resolved to give the war of blockade a thorough test. And what is this blockade but a form of our old friend "sanctions"? Britain and France declare they are fighting to stop aggression and end international anarchy. And British-French collective security is employing the very instrument the Geneva brand of collective security relied on — sanctions.

Can we remember when people said that enforcement of sanctions amounted to war? The argument was that cutting off supplies from any nation would cause it to go to war — even against fifty nations which had condemned aggression and were only applying a rule long announced.

But to-day two nations are attempting to bring another to make peace by the same means and without the official approval of an international body. Most of the neutrals unofficially approve their purpose. And carried out with the determination they manifestly feel, it may succeed. —"Christian Science Monitor."

### PAKHOI ADVENTURE

From the point of view of Free China's economy as a whole, the Pakhoi-Yamchow and the Lungchow-Nanning regions are of little con-

sequence except for the through-traffic in the latter region. Only a small portion of this traffic is connected with Kwangsi's economy. The imports of war materials via Lungchow were divided between the Kwangsi and the Central Government armies, but almost all of the Lungchow importations of other goods went via Luichow, Kweilin and Kweiyang to Szechwan Province. Kwangsi is essentially a poor province, with very limited economic resources and possibilities. Agriculture and animal husbandry, although dominating, are of a poor type and carried on by very primitive means and methods. There is a little unimportant agricultural and manufacturing industry in Wuchow, on the West River, and in Nanning, as well as a little mining of wolfram ore. Kwangsi trade and banking both are old-style and highly inefficient. What little private initiative toward economic westernisation and modernisation there was of late years, seems to have been, though unintentionally, enchaind by the semi-totalitarianism of the Kwangsi dictators, Generals Li Tsung-jen and Pai Chung-hsi, in whose eyes the function of economy appears to be primarily the support of a large military machine. This regime prevented the accumulation of any appreciable scale of finance capital in Kwangsi Province, and while Kwangsi money was always made available plentifully for military purposes, there were almost no funds for new business investments of any sort. —"China Weekly Review."

### DISCREDITED MAN

There is, doubtless, large allowance to be made for Herr von Ribbentrop. He is a disappointed and discredited man, who is acutely conscious that his reputation for political sagacity has been exploded. He, who now charges the British Government with war-mongering for years, was the very adviser who confidently assured his Fuehrer that this country would never fight. It was his advice which imposed on his country the necessity of abject capitulation to Soviet Russia, and of pretending suddenly to discover that the Power which had been held up as the arch enemy of civilisation was a really kindred spirit with whom it was natural to be on the most neighbourly terms. Certainly Herr von Ribbentrop can truly claim that the Russo-German pact has "put German policy on a new basis," but even he can hardly believe that the new basis is calculated to inspire either confidence or respect. It exhibits too much an opportunism, and implies too clearly an insincerity, to which nothing nefarious would be forbidden. In the light of it the efforts of this country to put itself in the best possible position of defence need no other justification; and as to "the bottomless stupidity" which the German Foreign Minister charges against this country's statesmen, it comes well from the German diplomatist in London who convinced himself that this country would

### U.S. ISOLATION

What is the menace to-day that calls us again to join in European war? We are told we must join in a "holy war" against ideologies that threaten the world.

But our citizens who advocate an American Don Quixote role of tilting at the windmills of lawless and obnoxious ideologies have certain elements of inconsistency. Their emotions have been concentrated on the ideologies of Nazism and its softer manifestations of Fascism. They studiously overlooked Communism until the Hitler-Stalin pact. —Ex-President Herbert Hoover.

never fight. That is the sapient counsellor who now announces that the German people will never lay down their arms "until the security of Germany in Europe is safe-guarded." If the preposterous pretention could be accepted that what is at stake is the security of Germany and not that of her neighbours—that the wolf is on her defence against the lambs—one thing would still remain true—that the best defence of that security would be the repudiation of the leadership and vaulting ambition which have brought it into peril. —"Daily Telegraph."



# Burned Like Piece Of Paper, Says Rawalpindi Survivor

## VIRTUALLY PUT OUT OF ACTION BY SECOND SALVO

London, To-day.

THRILLING STORIES of the unequal combat between the Rawalpindi and the Deutschland were given by survivors who arrived in London yesterday and visited the Admiralty.

"The ship burned like a piece of paper," declared one of them, who said that the Deutschland could only just be seen in fading light when the action commenced.

## HEINKEL BOMBER SHOT DOWN

London, To-day.

The 'plane brought down by an R.A.F. machine yesterday is believed to have been a Heinkel bomber. It crashed into the sea but a lifeboat which searched the scene of the crash for three hours found no trace of bomber or its occupants.

The 'plane was first seen flying East from behind clouds off the Northumberland coast. An R.A.F. fighter went up and when it was 400 yards away the bomber dived for clouds 1,500 feet below. It dived vertically through the clouds into the sea.

The R.A.F. machine saw the danger in time and swerved suddenly to avoid striking the water.

To date, at least 23 machines have been brought down over or off Britain.—Reuter.

### FULL STORY OF THE ENGAGEMENT

The Nazi aeroplane brought down over the sea yesterday morning was a further victim of the incessant British air patrol.

The Nazi bomber was first seen flying east from behind a cloud bank. Burning to intercept him, a British fighter pilot re-entered clouds and when he emerged thirty seconds later the enemy was immediately above him.

As he climbed the enemy plane waited till the fighter was 400 yards away then dived for a cloud 1,500 feet below, one of her rear guns firing.

The fighter followed with tracer bullets from the enemy flashing over the cockpit.

He fired a burst and the enemy was silenced.

He then closed into 150 yards, still firing, when the enemy at once turned on her side and dived vertically into the clouds, a great column of smoke issuing from the aircraft.

Suddenly the fighter pilot saw his own danger. From the gloom, he saw the sea coming up to hit him. Just in time he pulled up and climbed into the sunshine again.—British Wireless.

A Petty Officer described how the Rawalpindi was virtually put out of action by the second salvo from the 11-inch guns of the Deutschland. Fire broke out almost immediately in a dozen places.

"I had to give orders for the flooding of the magazines to prevent an explosion which would have blown everything in the ship to pieces.

He was one of thirty men who tried to reach a waterlogged lifeboat in the water. They managed to bail her out and they rigged a sail in a desperate attempt to make land, but regarded themselves as extremely lucky to be picked up by the Chitral.

### JUTLAND VETERAN'S STORY

A survivor's graphic story of the fight was related by an old R.N.R. man who saw service in H.M.S. Malaya in the Battle of Jutland.

He was called up at the outbreak of war and joined the Rawalpindi as a seaman gunner.

The man said that when the warning had been given that an enemy ship had been sighted, action stations was sounded and those below deck rushed up and manned the guns.

"The Deutschland began to bombard us and with our 6-inch guns we could see that we would be out-ranged. We got nearer, however, and shells began to hit us.

"We were given orders to fire and got three rounds off. Other guns around me were also firing.

### BURNING LIKE PAPER

"We might have hit the enemy but shell after shell hit us and before very long the Rawalpindi caught fire. Another enemy craft began firing and a shell fell near my gun. When the order was given to abandon ship I with another man jumped into the sea.

"The ship was then ablaze and burning like a piece of paper. A boat empty but waterlogged came near.

About 30 of us jumped from the ship's side but I believe that only 10 reached the boat.

"It was getting darker every minute and it seemed a long time before we were picked up.—Reuter.

### MURDER WHILE IT LASTED

Another Rawalpindi survivor, Gunner Ledbetter, told how his companions were killed by a shell which put the gun out of action during the fight with the Deutschland.

He, with his brother, members of different gun-crews and all the ship's company, were ordered to stations when the Deutschland was sighted.

"It was murder while it lasted, which was about half an hour.

"When my gun was put out of action by a shell practically every member of the crew was killed and I escaped because I was away fetching ammunition.

"My brother's gun was also put out of action and I tied a lifebelt on to him and took him up to

## RELAX! RELAX!

London, To-day.

Important modifications of defence regulations, resulting from the recommendations of the informal all-Parliamentary Committee and made known yesterday, illustrate the extent of liberty in Britain under war conditions, and the system by which changes are brought about, by consulting public opinion through the medium of Parliament.

They also provide specific examples of the British conception of that freedom which in the Prime Minister's words "we entered the war to defend."—Reuter.

the boat-deck. I then left to search for a friend and I never saw him again.

### LUCKY ESCAPE

"As the ship was sinking I saw a half submerged lifeboat and although I can only swim a few strokes I managed to get to it with nine others.

"The Deutschland signalled to us with searchlights to come alongside but progress was difficult with only three oars.

"When we were near the Germans they must have heard the British cruiser coming and they never gave us a chance to get aboard but speeded up and vanished."—Reuter.

## CURRENCY ORDER

The Shanghai correspondent of the local "Ta Kung Pao" cables that the use of Japanese military banknotes will be enforced in Japanese "occupied" territory in China from the beginning of next year.

These notes will be legal tender and all possessors of Japanese money have been warned to change their holdings into military currency.

## LIBERAL AMENDMENT

London, To-day.

The Liberal opposition has tabled an amendment to the Commons Address in Reply to the King's Speech, which will give an opportunity to the Liberal spokesman in the debate to urge the importance of the development of export trade. The amendment will be taken next Wednesday.—British Wireless.

## PRECEDENCE FOR GOVERNMENT BUSINESS

London, To-day.

The House of Commons, on a motion by the Premier, agreed to give precedence to Government business for the present session, following the precedent of the last war.—British Wireless.



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## ASTOUNDING ESCAPE OF R.A.F. PLANE

London, To-day.

The remarkable escape of a British machine which took part in the flight over North-West Germany on Monday is now revealed.

The fact that the plane successfully returned to its base is a tribute to the builder, but even more so to the remarkable skill of the pilot, for both wings were badly damaged, the port wing so badly that only the framework was left!

Part of the starboard wing was blown away.

The plane was subjected to heavy shelling, and the pilot says he found himself suddenly in the centre of a blinding flash, which caused the plane to go into a spin, from which he righted out only just in time.

When he returned to his base, the pilot's right arm was temporarily paralysed by the strain of keeping his machine on a level keel.

Both the pilot and his navigator were New Zealanders.—Reuter.

## PING SHAN ROBBERY

Battering down the door of the home of a 48-year-old widow in Fung Ka Wai Village, Ping Shan District, at 1.30 a.m. to-day, eight robbers, armed with revolvers and daggers, ransacked the house for half an hour and escaped with \$180.

The men beat a hasty retreat when the neighbours blew police whistles. Firing five shots, fled in the direction of Chinese territory.

## PLENARY POWERS TO BE EXTENDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Terms of a decree extending M. Daladier's plenary powers for a period of three months were approved at yesterday's Council of Ministers.

The Chamber of Deputies are expected to give their approval to-day.—Hayas.

## VICTIM OF JAPANESE BOMBING RAID

Suffering from chest wounds, received in a Japanese air raid on Sha-ng-chung, Leung Shiu-chiu was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday.

## RUSSIAN ACTION DENOUNCED

London, To-day.

Comment on the Soviet-Finnish crisis in Italy, Spain and the Scandinavian countries is sympathetic towards the position of Finland.

Strong denunciation of the Russian action is contained in the press of all three countries.—Reuter.

## AUSTRALIAN DIVISION FOR FRANCE

London, To-day.

Mr. R. G. Casey, the Australian Minister of Supply, in London attending the conferences for coordination of the Empire's war effort, made the following statement yesterday morning: "I have just received a cablegram from Mr. Menzies advising me that the Commonwealth Government has decided that the special Division which has been recruited for service at Home in Australia or abroad as occasion might arise will proceed overseas when it has reached a suitable stage of training."

It is anticipated that this will be early in the New Year.

After further training overseas, the Division should be able to take its place in the theatre of war in the Spring.

This decision, Mr. Casey added, will be welcomed with as deep gratification in Australia as, I feel sure by the people of Britain.—British Wireless.

### PREMIER'S THANKS

In reference to the decision, Mr. Chamberlain said in the Commons: "The House will, I am confident, agree when I say how warmly we welcome this further evidence of Australia's resolution to put forward her full effort in the common cause."—British Wireless.

## S.M.C. GIVES UP STAKE IN HONGKEW

Chungking, To-day.

Most of the properties of the Shanghai Municipal Council north of Soochow Creek have been either sold or leased to the Japanese, a Shanghai despatch reveals.

The abattoirs have been leased, the Public School for Boys and the Public School for Chinese have been converted into Japanese Naval Landing Party Headquarters, while the Municipal Isolation Hospital has become the Japanese Residents' Hospital.

Explaining the transfer, a spokesman of the S.M.C. stated that the Council has no use for these properties at present, and furthermore, it is difficult to exercise control over the district concerned.—Central News.

## WANG GROUP LEAVES FOR JAPAN

Shanghai, To-day.

Several members of Wang Ching-wel's "Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang" left for Japan yesterday.

Representatives of the two "puppet" regimes, the "Reformed Government" and the "Peiping Provisional Government" accompanied the group.

The object of this visit to Japan is not known. — Our Own Correspondent.

### Bringing Up Father

By George McManus





## THE GREAT MUNITIONS SPEED-UP

LONDON, TO-DAY.  
THE DEVELOPMENT OF MACHINE TOOLS SINCE LAST YEAR, IN PARTICULAR BY THE INTRODUCTION OF A CUTTING TOOL COMPOSED OF A TUNGSTEN-CARBIDE POWDER BONDED WITH COPPER POWDER, WAS THE MAIN THEME OF A COMMONS STATEMENT ON MUNITIONS OUTPUT MADE YESTERDAY BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF SUPPLY.

He revealed that the machine tools now in use were capable of producing eight times as much as their predecessors in 1918, instancing the progress by a fact such as that machines engaged in producing a certain type of shell at the rate of 400 to 500 daily, would only have produced at the rate of 40 daily in the last war.

Another type of machine which made 100 bombs daily in the last war was now improved to make 500 daily.

The cutting edges of modern machine tools can be kept in use without regrounding for ten times as long as a quarter of a century ago. — Reuter.

## JAPANESE ADVANCE CHECKED

KWONG CHOW WAN, TO-DAY.  
JAPANESE ACTIVITY IN THE NANNING REGION IS NOW BEING CONFINED TO AERIAL ATTACKS ON THE CHINESE POSITION, NORTH AND NORTH-EAST OF THE "OCCUPIED" CITY.

Japanese aircraft are taking the place of heavy artillery and all day yesterday have been incessantly bombing the Chinese positions and communication lines.

Areas between Pakhoi and Yanchowfu were also bombed.—Our Own Correspondent.

## OUTBOARD MOTORS RECOVERED

Major Syme, of Electric Road, and Mr. C. F. Deadman, of Gloucester Road, were the victims of an unknown thief on October 31 when two outboard motors were stolen from their yachts which were lying in Causeway Bay Shelter.

Last Thursday, however, the police raided a fishing junk, No. 1141-HA, and arrested two men and two women, when they found on board the two stolen motors.

All four, including the mistress of the fishing junk, Sin Kwong, 27, were this morning charged with theft and, alternatively, with receiving.

The mistress said an unknown man gave her \$3 for placing them on board her junk.

The mistress was convicted on the receiving charge and fined \$200 or three months' hard labour. The other three were discharged.

## MOTORING CASES

Mrs. E. Carruthers, of the War Memorial Nursing Home, summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest this morning, for leaving her car unattended in Chater Road, was fined \$5.

Miss K. M. Pocock, of "Courtlands," Kennedy Road, was fined \$5 for leaving her car longer than necessary in Des Vaux Road Central.

Traffic Inspector F. J. Clarke said defendant's car was parked outside Exchange Building for nearly two hours.

## NAZI NAVY SINGS HYMN OF HATE

Nazi composer Herma Niel was received by Hitler to be congratulated on the "tremendous success" of his newest work "Against England—Song for the Navy." Here is a translation of the "masterpiece":

Our flag is fluttering at the mast,  
As a sign of Germany's might,  
And we won't stand it any longer,  
That the Englishman makes fun of us,  
Give me your hand, my sweet,  
Your nice white hand,  
Farewell, farewell, farewell,  
For we sail against England now!  
Our holy Fuehrer has ordered:  
Go and crush England at once  
And when we come back victoriously,  
Then the splendid Fuehrer will speak to us,  
Giving us his hand so good,  
Adolf Hitler's hand so good,  
Farewell, farewell, Heil Hitler!  
Until we sail against England again.

## MOUSTACHE COMING OFF THE FRENCH SOLDIER

Paris, Nov. 21.  
That French servicemen in the present war are no longer wearing the fashionable moustache of the Great War is reported by the Paris edition of the "New York Herald Tribune" this morning.

To-day's fashion, the paper states, is a "collier de barbe" extending from one ear to the other by way of the chin.

"This is an important change in style as the moustache was almost a part of the old uniform," the paper said.

### "ONE IN TEN"

Among officers, one out of ten only wears a moustache in contrast with the Great War period when one officer was confined to barracks for having shaved his upper lip.

Thus, the word "poilu" meaning hairy one has almost disappeared from the rank and file where it was used to designate any soldier as almost everyone wore a moustache.

The collier de barbe is now common in the infantry. It started in the air force, but has been banned from many squadrons.—Havas.

## COLDER WEATHER

The Observatory's forecast of colder weather was borne out during the night when from a maximum of 66 degrees yesterday, the temperature dropped to 57 degrees.

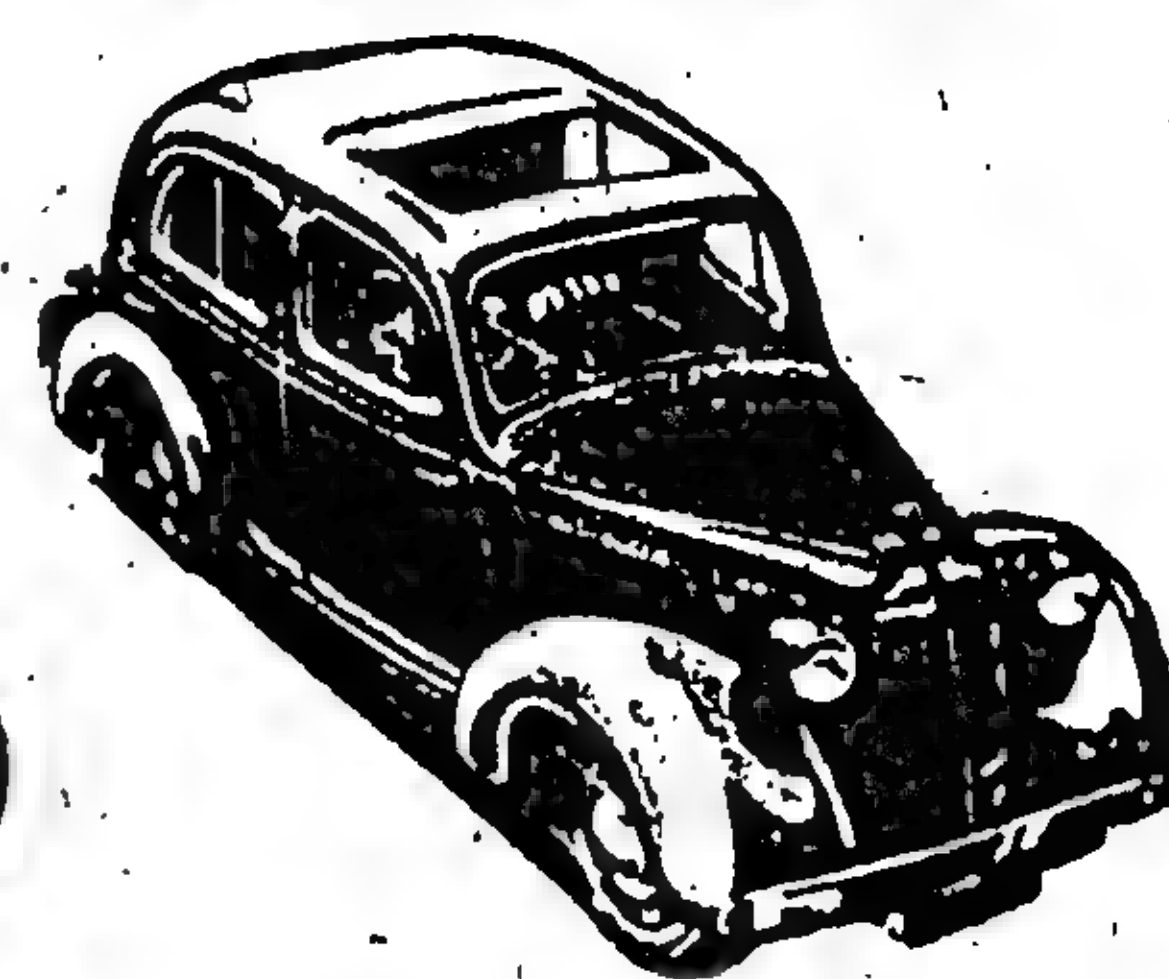
At 10 a.m. to-day, the mercury had risen only to 59 degrees.

## STORY OF THE WEEK

A Long Island man had satisfied a life-long ambition by buying an expensive barometer from Abercrombie and Fitch, which arrived the morning of September 21st. Eagerly, he unwrapped it, and was disgusted to find the needle stuck at "Hurricane." After shaking it in a vain attempt to start it working right, he sat down, wrote a very stuffy letter to A. & F., and went right out to mail it. When he returned, his house was gone, and the barometer with it.

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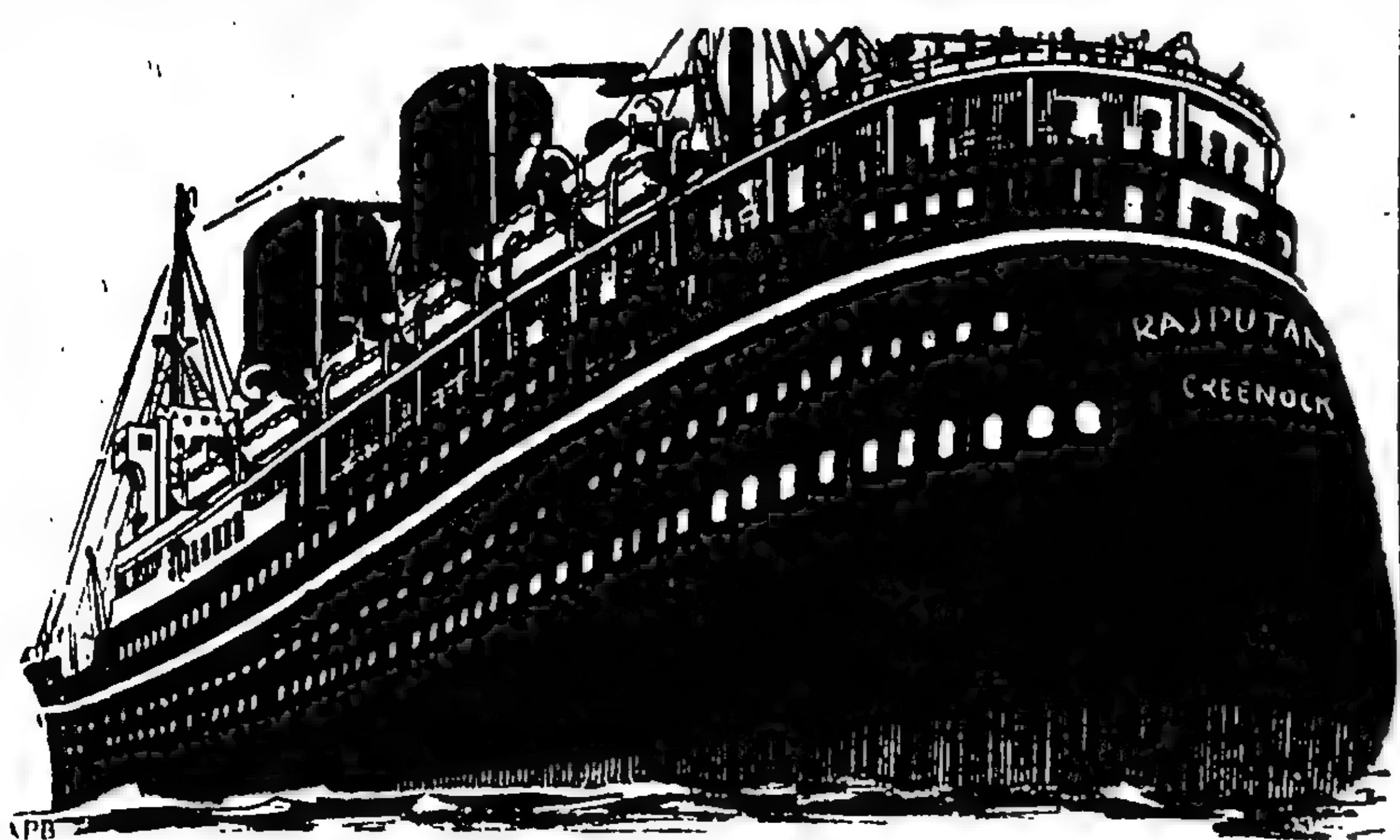
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Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 22nd Nov.	December 1.
Shanghai	December 1.
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U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 6th Nov.)	December 1.
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Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	December 4.
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For	Per THURSDAY	Date and Time.
Straits and Calcutta	Nov. 30, 10.30 a.m.	
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Shanghai and Japan	Nov. 30, 3.30 p.m.	
Amoy	Nov. 30, 7.00 p.m.	
Bangkok	Nov. 30, 7.00 p.m.	
For	Per FRIDAY	Date and Time.
Straits	Dec. 1, 10.30 a.m.	
Haiphong	Dec. 1, 1.00 p.m.	
Fort Bayard	Dec. 1, 1.30 p.m.	
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Straits	Dec. 2, 9.30 a.m.	
Saigon	Dec. 2, 10.30 a.m.	
Amoy	Dec. 2, 11.00 a.m.	
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Manila	Dec. 2, 2.30 p.m.	
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 10th Dec.	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg., Dec. 2, 5.00 p.m. Ord., Dec. 2, 5.30 p.m.	

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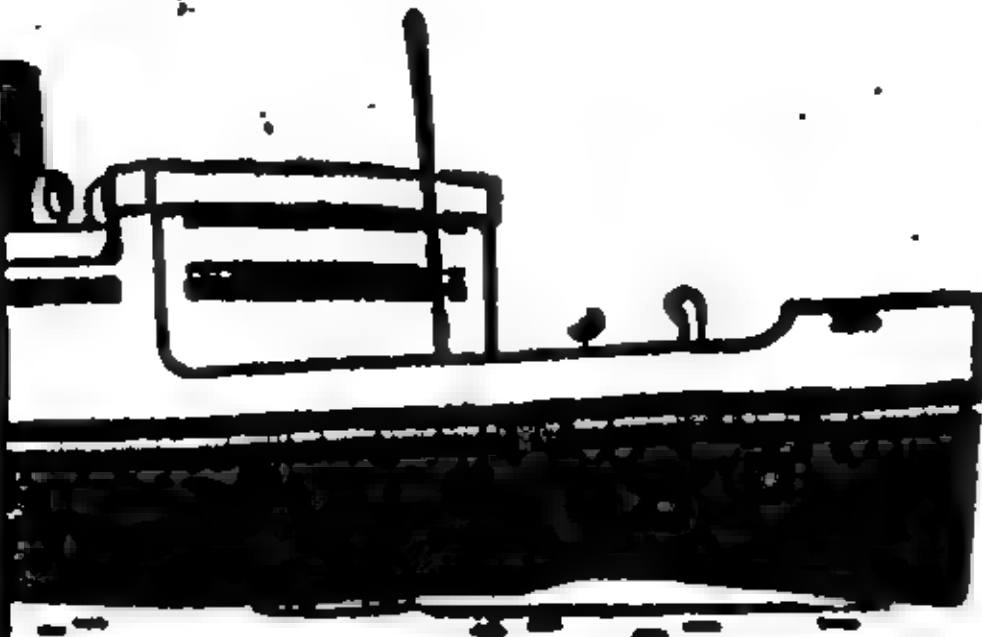
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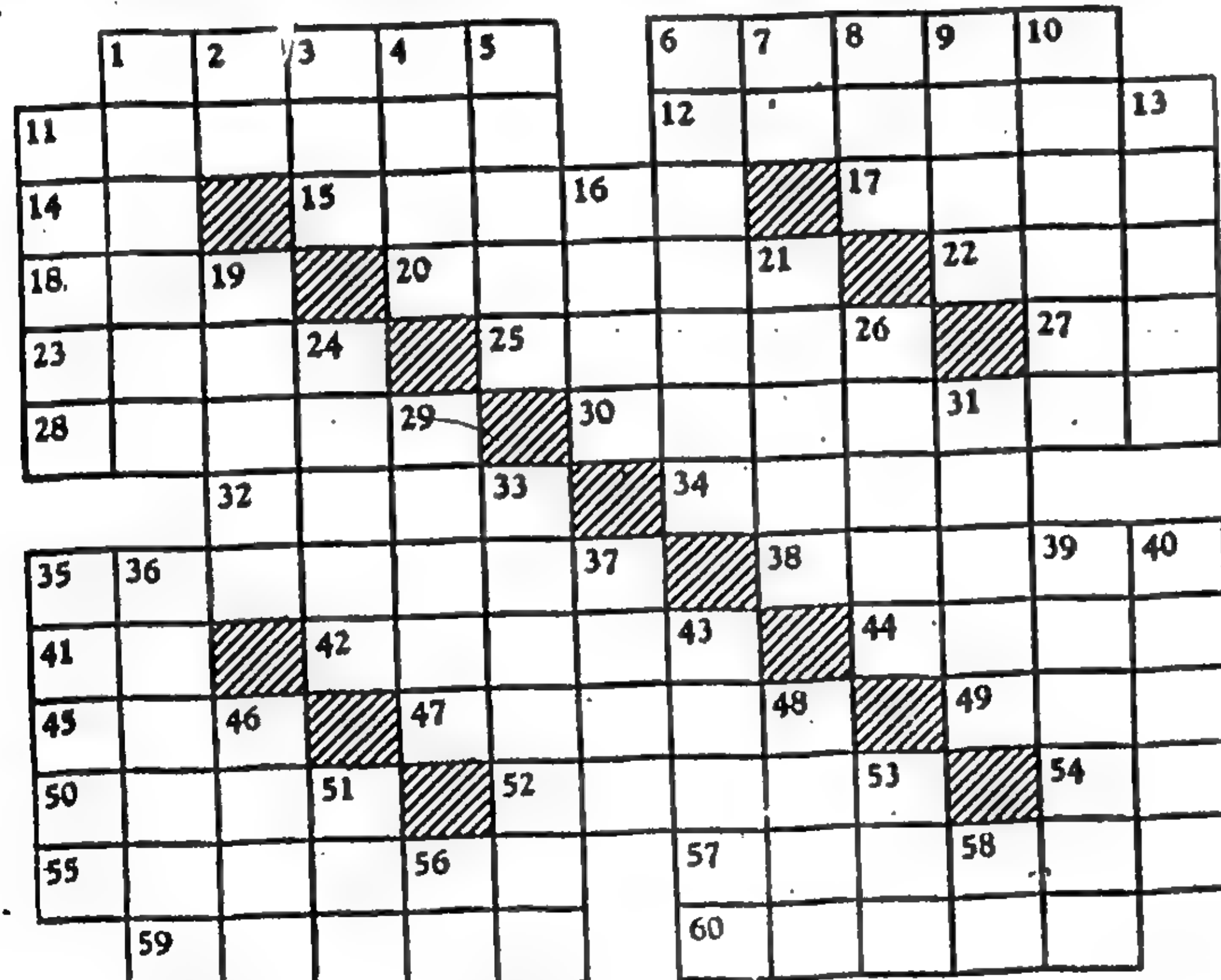
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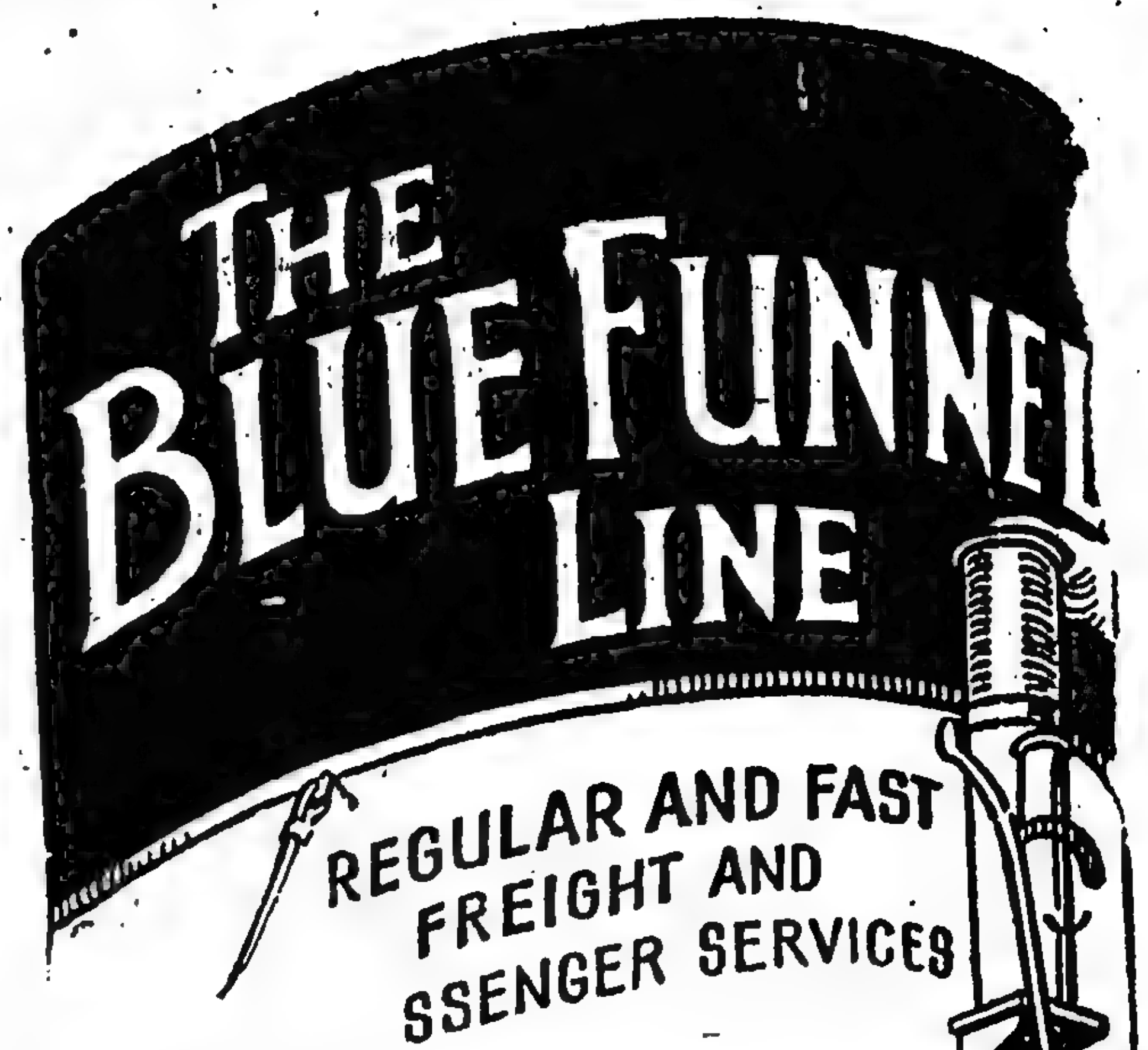
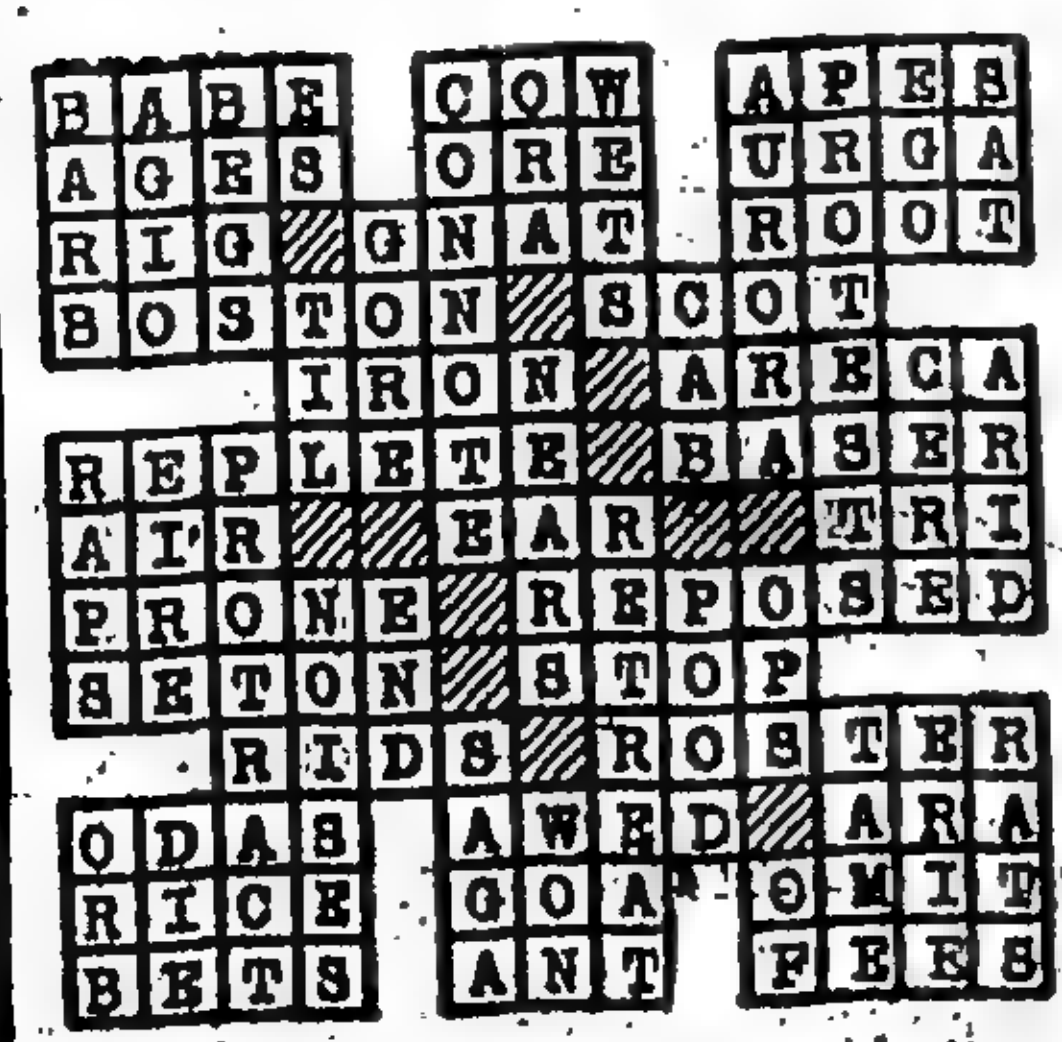
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- 6 Booms
- 11 Judge's chamber
- 12 Appendage of foliage leaf
- 14 Concerning
- 15 New England city
- 17 Solar disc
- 18 Soft food
- 20 To guide
- 22 Held session
- 23 To retard
- 25 Accumulates
- 27 Brother of Odin
- 28 Ancient chariot
- 30 Envoys
- 32 Killed
- 34 Farinaceous food
- 35 Bombarded
- 38 Unaspirated syllables
- 41 Pronoun
- 42 Flies
- 44 Withered
- 45 Auricle
- 47 Discovered
- 49 To plant

#### VERTICAL

- 1 Waterways
- 2 Part of "to be"
- 3 Pen point
- 4 Ages
- 5 Missiles
- 6 Arms
- 7 Greek letter
- 8 Oriental title
- 9 Wheel tracks
- 10 To disentangle
- 11 Thicket
- 13 Puts up stake
- 16 Actual
- 19 Sheriff's force
- 21 Kingly
- 24 British writer
- 26 Wise men
- 29 Mediterranean island
- 31 Sounds
- 33 Fighting tools
- 35 Very thin
- 36 Hurls
- 37 Fall in drops
- 39 Eaten away
- 40 Mended
- 43 Leaks through
- 46 Nerve group
- 48 Decline
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- 53 Malt beverage
- 56 European fish
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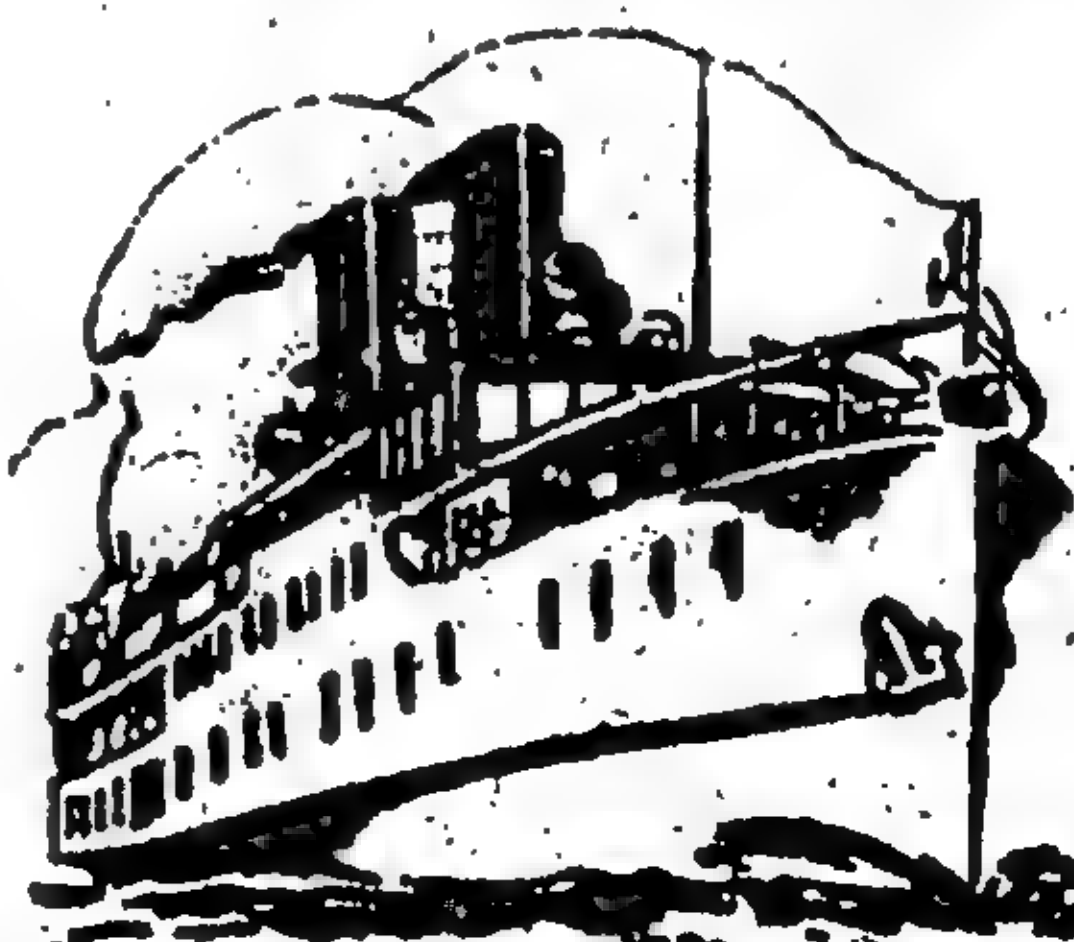
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And then the submarine appeared. Without warning she shelled the fishing boat. At least 20 shots were fired. The Cresswell began to sink.

Her lifeboat was smashed—useless. The U-boat submerged. The Cresswell's crew were to learn later that she had gone to find a ship which would take them aboard.

From this point the story is told by William Faussett, the mate, one of the survivors:

"I saw George Andrews, the bo'sun, jump overboard with a lifebelt. We never saw him again."

"Ten of us threw the raft into the water and hung on to it. We were all crushed together."

"The raft was tossed about. It was a hard job holding on. At times it went under."

Then, one by one, the numbed men began to loose their hold on the raft.

"Tom Gately, a fireman, was the first to go. The others took it in turn to help me keep his head above water."

"Our legs were numbed and our arms ached. Sheer exhaustion made us let go. He disappeared into the water. He was all in."

"Lazenby, the other fireman, went next. He had had a terrible buffet-ing."

"Then Larter (a deck hand) fell off. We never saw him again."

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"In the distance we could see Killey, the chief engineer, and Fred Kirby—he was a deck-hand, but he held a mate's ticket. They were hanging on to an upturned boat."

"We never saw them go down, but at the end of an hour they had disappeared."

Among the men who fought death on that tiny raft was Fred Lee, a lad of 16, on his fifth fishing trip.

It was after they had been on the raft for nearly two and a half hours that the U-boat reappeared and took the seven exhausted men aboard.

They were given clothing and hot drinks, and finally, after seven hours—during which time the submarine again shelled and sank the water-logged Cresswell—the Fleetwood trawler Phyllis was sighted.

The U-boat stopped her and transferred them.

### LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:

#### BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1335 b., \$1340 sa.  
Bank of East Asia \$71 b.

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Canton Ins. \$200 b.  
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Star Ferries \$62½ b.

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Macao Electrics \$18 b., \$18½ s.

Telephones (Old) \$21.80 b.

Telephones (New) \$7.10 b.

#### INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$14.70 b.

H.K. Ropes \$5 b.

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Watsons \$8.07½ b., \$8.05/07½ sa.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Entertainments \$6.15 b.

Constructions (Old) \$1.60 b.

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Paracale Gumaus Ps. .20 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. .86 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. .17 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. .13½ sa.

Syndicate Inv. Ps. .018 b.

United Paracales Ps. .31 sa.

### LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1/2-7/8.

Silver was quoted at 23% for spot and 23½ forward.

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## TO-DAY'S STRANGE STORY OF REAL PEOPLE

## MYSTERY OF LEIF ERICSSON

By VINCENT TOWNE

No one seems to have doubted the assurance of our schoolbooks that Columbus discovered America until some bookworm, delving into certain musty records of Norway, came across a collection of manuscripts known as "The Sagas." These writings, handed down from father to son in a few Scandinavian families, remained tucked away in the libraries of Norway and Sweden until first translated into English for the United States Columbian Exposition, where they were exhibited.

From the Sagas we learn that about the year 984, a young Norseman, "Eric the Red," so-called because of the colour of his hair, killed a man in his native land and fled to Iceland. There he lived for some years until banished for a similar crime, when he sailed westward to Greenland.

The next year, after having returned to Iceland, he revisited Greenland with a large fleet of ships filled with immigrants; but one of these vessels was driven far off her course and Bjarni Herjulfson, her commander, coasted on a strange land to the south-west which on his final arrival at Greenland he reported to be a long and level coast country from which it took him nine days to return.

In the meantime, Leif, a son of Eric (whence his name Ericsson) sailed back to Norway, the forbidden land of his father, and found that country just in the act of embracing the Christian creed, which he also accepted. Returning to Greenland with a priest, he introduced the religion into that island, where he established churches.

Leif, upon hearing of the view which Bjarni had had of the land to the southwest, took with him a group of his companions, set sail for the new continent about the year 1,000, and, after having been on his way for a number of days, found a country whose barren shore stretched back to ice-covered mountains. This place, now thought by some to have been Labrador or Newfoundland, he called "Helluland," on account of the number of stones on the beach.

Further south he came to a sandy coast with a level forest country back of it, and this, supposed to have been Nova Scotia, he called "Markland," on account of its trees. Proceeding further southward he found flowing into a large expanse of water a river, up which he sailed and on whose shores he built huts to lodge in during the winter.

He sent out exploring parties and, because these found an abundance of grapes in the surrounding country, he called the place "Vinland."

The whole region which he explored after this last landing is thought to be that extending from Boston to Providence, Rhode Island, and irregularly to the west, touching about the neighbourhood of Woonsocket.

The next year, Thorwald, a brother of Leif, is said to have gone to Vinland with a single ship, passing three winters there, making explorations south and west and discovering a race of broad-faced natives, who offered furs in exchange for coloured cloth.

Later still, according to the Sagas, Thorfin Karlsefne, another Norseman, arrived in Greenland and married Gudrid, a widow, who induced him to make explorations in Vinland, whether they embarked, taking with them live stock and other necessities and their son, called "Snorre," is believed by some to have been the first white child born on the American continent. A colony, known as Norumbega, is said to have been founded by Thorfin, but within a few years it was abandoned, the early settlers being unable to endure the attacks of the natives.

The river up which Leif sailed after leaving "Markland" is now supposed by some ethnologists to have been the Charles, in Massachusetts, and the colony of "Norumbega" is believed by these to have been upon the present



Thorwald Discovered a Race of Broad-Faced Natives.

site of Watertown. Ruins exhumed at Watertown some 45 years ago were at first thought to have been of Indian origin, but Prof. Gerard Fowke of Cambridge arrived at the conclusion that they differed from any work which the American Indian ever per-

formed and that they were most closely paralleled by the ancient architecture of the Norsemen.

Among them were the foundations of two structures, 15 feet wide by 40 feet long, fitting the description of certain "long houses" mentioned in


the Sagas, and some ethnologists arrived at the conclusion that one of them was the house of Leif Ericsson himself and the other of Thorbrandson, one of his companions. They are built of rough boulders without mortar, and their very roughness and unevenness bear indications of their having been heaped one on top of the other without the use of metal tools for shaping them in any way.

An ancient stone tower in Touro Park, Newport, R. I., is alleged by some archeologists to have been a Norse temple erected by Ericsson's colonists, while other authorities have branded it as but a windmill tower erected by the English during the seventeenth century.

A skeleton found near Fall River, Mass., in 1835, lay within fragments of armour which some of our antiquarians have classed as Scandinavian.

But while all of these ruins and relics have convinced certain scientists that the Sagas are true, many other authorities brand the statements contained in these records as mere myths. The great historian, George Bancroft, was one who denied that the Norsemen ever reached America before the coming of Columbus.

Whether Leif Ericsson was a myth or the discoverer of America or neither will probably never be known.



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### Scottish Songs From Studio By Ella Logan

5.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Children's Hour.  
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.  
6.47 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Fox-Trots—La-De-Da La-De-Da; Hurdy-Gurdy Man....Nat Gonella & His Georgians.  
Tangos—Desconñale; Novia....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.  
Fox-Trots—Take Another Guess; The Rhythm's O.K. In Harlem....Teddy Foster & His King's of Swing.  
Tangos—Fireflowers; Moonlight On The Rio Grande....Heinz Huppertz & His Orchestra.  
Fox-Trots—Foolin' Myself; Old Man Moon (film 'Topper')....Harry Roy & His Orchestra.  
Waltzes—Mammy's Lullaby; I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles....The Green Brothers' Marimba Band.

## To-day's Wireless

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### London Relays: Background To The News

Fox-Trot—Sunset In Vienna (from the film); Quickstep—You're Here, You're There, You're Everywhere....Henry Jacques with His Correct Dance Tempo Orchestra.  
7.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—The News.  
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.03 p.m.—STUDIO—Scottish Songs by Ella Logan (Mezzo-Soprano) with A. T. Lay at the Piano.  
1. (a) 'An Eriskay Love Lilt; (b) Sleeps the Noon; (c) The Road to the Isles....Ella Logan.  
2. Coronach....A. T. Lay at the Piano.  
3. (a) Ae Fond Kiss; (b) Comin' Through the Rye; (c) Ye Banks

and Braes; (d) Robin Adair....Ella Logan.

8.30 p.m.—Pipers of the 2nd Battalion Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders. Medley of Scottish Airs. Intro: Cam ye by Atholl; Bonnie Dundee; Battle of Killiecrankie; Death of the Chief; The Atholl Highlanders; Captain Murray; Rachael Rae; Bonnie Dundee; The Highlander; My love she's but a lassie yet; The Persevering Lovers; Come haste to the Wedding; Because he was a bonnie lad; My bonnie lassie; Highland home.  
8.45 p.m.—STUDIO—Talk on The Rt. Hon. Mr. Winston Churchill by Professor Forster.  
9.05 p.m.—Interlude of Band Music. Nautical Moments (arr. Winter & Dutholt)....Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.  
9.15 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—News Summary.  
9.30 p.m.—William McCulloch (Comedian) and some Harry Lauder Songs. Peter at the Pictures (Bell); The Young Laird's Toast of Robert Burns....Humorous Monologues by William McCulloch.  
Sir Harry Lauder Songs. Intro: Roamin' in the Gloamin'; Fou the Noo; Tobermory; It's Nice to Get Up in the Mornin'; The Safest o'

the Family; She is ma Daisy; I Love a Lassie; We Parted on the Shore; Killiecrankie; The Weddin' o' Sandy McNab; Stop yer Tickling Jock....The Border Singers with Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—Scottish Ballads. MacGregor's Gathering (Lee, arr. Kahn); Bonnie Wee Thing (Fox)....Joseph Hislop (Tenor) with Piano.  
My Ain Folk (Lemon, Mills)....Mary Kay (Contralto) with Piano.  
Willie's Gane To Melville Castle (Stephen & Burnett); The Lea Rig (arr. Burnett)....Robert Burnett (Baritone) with Piano.  
The Banks of Allan Water....Muriel Brunskill (Contralto) with Piano.  
Skye Boat Song (Boulton & Lawson)....Elder Cunningham (Bass-Baritone) with Orchestra.  
When The Kye Comes Hame; Green Grow The Rashes, O....Frank Gordon (Bass-Baritone) with Piano.  
10.15 p.m.—The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.  
Liberty Bell—March (Sousa). Hiawatha—March (Moret). "Ruddie" — Selection (Sullivan, arr. Winterbottom).  
10.30 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—St. Andrew's Day Concert.  
11.00 p.m.—LONDON RELAY—"Back around to News".  
11.15 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.

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His first glance at the dummy showed South that on normal play he would have to lose two spade and two club tricks, and accordingly he had no chance for his contract. However normal results do not always take place, and South was able to discover a way to give his opponents a chance to make an error, which they obligingly did.

South, Dealer

♠ 9 8 4  
♥ J 10 7 6 3  
♦ 3  
♣ A 10 9 5  
♠ K Q 10  
♥ 7 3  
♦ J 9 8  
♣ K J 2  
N  
W  
E  
S  
♠ A 9 3  
♥ Q 10 8 7  
♦ 6 2  
♣ Q 4  
♠ 6 2  
♥ A K Q 5  
♦ A K 4  
♣ 8 7 6 3

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♥	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♥	Pass	4♥	Pass
Pass	Pass		

West opened the King of spades and continued, South trumping the third round. Thinking quickly, Declarer played a club to dummy's Ace, then played the Ace of diamonds and trumped a small diamond in dummy. Now two rounds of trumps were drawn, then the King of diamonds played and a club discarded from dummy.

Now the stage was set. Declarer innocently led a club from his hand and West, without a second's thought,

played the Jack, confidently expecting to win the trick. But at this point East had to overtake his partner's Jack with his blank Queen. Now East had to lead a diamond. South trumped in his hand and discarded the remaining club from dummy.

A more alert player in West's position would have realized what South was doing and put up the club King, for certainly South would never have played the club suit in that manner if he had held the Queen.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and held:

♠ A x x x  
♥ K x x x  
♦ x x  
♣ K x x

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	Maier	You
10	Pass	Pass	(?)

ANSWER: Since responder has shown extreme weakness, your correct bid is to double. You are prepared for any response by your partner.

Score 100% for double, 50% for one heart or one spade, 0 for pass.

QUESTION NO. 271

Both sides are vulnerable to-day. You are Merwin Maier's partner and hold:

♠ K 10 x x  
♥ A x  
♦ Q x x  
♣ Q x x

The bidding:

Maier	Burnstone	You	Schenken
1♥	1♠	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow)

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## ENTERTAINING EVENING AT STONECUTTERS

The final of the Individual snooker Championship of Stonecutters took place on Tuesday night. Roughly beat Williamson 150-131. The game which was ragged could have been better had both players used the rest a little more; the highest break was only 14 (Roughly.)

After the match, a very amusing method of entertainment was produced for the benefit of the spectators. Taking the form of a snooker match on the principle of "Babes in the Wood", Messrs. Sandles and Turner were the Babes whilst Messrs. Wilkins and Cowley took the parts of the wicked uncles. They were let loose on the

## H.K.F.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY

The following have been chosen to represent the Hong Kong Football Club in their League games on Saturday:

Senior:—Coles; Bone and S. Strange; McEwan, Forrow and Millington; Bond, Scott, Fowler, E. Strange and Lodge.

Junior:—Odell; Kelloosky and Komorsky; MacFarlane, Stratton and Purvis; Docherty, Gow, Wilson, Morrison and Attwell.

Reserves:—Himsworth, Marvin and Gilchrist.

scoreboard. Sandles escaped from the wood and won the game. At the close of the evening the spectators were provided with refreshments by Mr. Turner.



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# Remarkable Bowling By Schoolboy

## COMICAL RUGBY

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Yesterday on the Club ground Police beat Club "A" by two tries (6 points) to a penalty goal (3 points) after leading 3-0 at half time in as comical a Rugby match as has been seen this season.

High tackling, barging and obstruction were frequent offences and as a result play was always scrappy. Police showed great keenness, especially after Castleton had landed a penalty goal to level the scores, and, despite their ruggedness, they deserved their win.

Davitt was injured in the first half and went off for good, but Police were not unduly handicapped as Club were without Stewart, who played in the back row of the pack, until late in the second half.

Dempsey, who scored the first Police try, was in good form and is shaping into a really versatile forward. He and Godfrey were the best forwards on view. Wall's handling was unaccountably weak and Leslie was unable to make any openings for his three-quarters. Luscombe, except when he went over for a try after heavy Police pressure in the closing minutes, was seldom in the picture, and his service was very ragged.

Macleod made his debut for Club, but did not impress, while Stoker, just back from leave, should prove a useful "A" team forward, though he almost gave away three points when he was penalised for picking out of the scrum. Taylor just failed to land the goal with a left-foot instep kick.

**POLICE**—Taylor; Innis, Jackson, Wall and Reynolds; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Cullinan, Searle; Davitt and Hayward; Riddell, Dempsey and Jenner.

**CLUB "A"**—Farrow; Bosanquet, Macleod, Lavalle and Van Leeuwen; Carruthers and Rutherford; Wanklyn, Burford, Stout; Benn, Stoker; Godfrey, Castleton and Stewart.

### Army Changes

Army are making changes in their Triangular Tournament team as the result of Richards being still injured and Hewitt being unavailable. Picton will be at full-back, with Marsh, Waite, Lang and Willis as the three-quarters, Boe and Hook as the halves, and Pinkerton, Sutherland, Evans; Berry, Whitehead; Duke, Cuthbertson and Ridsdale as the forwards.

Richards may not be seen out again this season, but there is better news of Douglas, the brilliant fly-half. He is expected to be on the field again within a month.

Club, who are going to face a grueling test, will be represented by Bidwell; Stewart, Hutchison, Charter and Bosanquet; Cessford and Henderson; Walkden, Castleton, Stout; Bompas, Needham; Godfrey, Kennedy and Richardson.

## CHAMPS SECURE ANOTHER WIN

In a second round match, fourth tourney, of the Ewo League played at the Hong Kong Bowling Alleys yesterday, The Champs beat the B.A.T. by 243 points.

### THE CHAMPS

Doc Molthen	171	172	195	538
Dick Venezia	173	191	149	513
Gene Faggiano	185	116	171	452
Chas Miller	130	150	116	396

Total 1,899

### B.A.T.

W. F. Barnes	132	165	165	462
Y. L. Lum	134	146	130	410
A. G. C. Buttfield	129	134	141	404
B. F. Carthrew	126	137	117	380

Total 1,656

### SINGLES HANDICAP

T. W. Wright (plus 25) of the Signals beat J. H. Odell (plus 15) by 79 points in the first round of the Singles Handicap Competition. Wright scored 451, including handicap, and Odell 372.

## L. REMEDIOS TAKES 8 WKTS FOR 3 RUNS

### Ellis Kadoorie School Dismissed For 8!

In a friendly cricket match played at Sookunpoo yesterday, Ellis Kadoorie Indian School was beaten by La Salle College by 94 runs.

Feature of the match was the bowling of L. Remedios of La Salle. Taking 8 for 3 in 5 overs, four of which were maidens, Remedios skittled Ellis Kadoorie School out for only 8 runs of which Nazir Ahmed made 6!

#### LA SALLE

A. Remedios, b Harbans Singh	2
G. Yvanovich, b Harbans Singh	4
A. el Arculli, run out	23
C. Soares, b Kartar Singh	20
E. Remedios, b Kartar Singh	1
L. Remedios, retired	12
R. Sequiera, b Nazir Ahmed	1
M. Rozario, c Kartar Singh, b Nazir Ahmed	0
R. Hardwick, c Kartar Singh, b Nazir Ahmed	0
J. Taylor, not out	9
T. Rodrigues, not out	7
Extras (B26)	26

Total 105

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Kartar Singh	14	4	55	2
Harbans Singh	8	3	16	2
Nazir Ahmed	6	3	8	3

#### ELLIS KADOORIE

Harbans Singh, b L. Remedios	2
H. K. Ebrahim, c Rozario, b L. Remedios	0
Nazir Ahmed, c Arculli, b L. Remedios	6
A. Abbas, b L. Remedios	0
Kartar Singh, b L. Remedios	3
A. Albert, b A. Remedios	0
Shamsher Singh, b L. Remedios	0
Narata Singh, c Soares, b L. Remedios	0
Randhir Singh, c A. Remedios, b L. Remedios	0
Mohar Singh, not out	0
S. A. G. Rehman, c Yvanovich, b A. Remedios	0

Total 8

#### Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Arculli	5	3	5	0
L. Remedios	5	4	3	8
A. Remedios	5	0	0	2

## BADMINTON

### ST. ANDREW'S LOSE BUT SHOW CONSIDERABLE PROMISE

HAVING REGARD to the fact that several of their team were sadly out of practice, St. Andrew's Club, playing the opening match in the local Badminton League, did extremely well to take three games from the powerful King's College side which last year participated in Senior Division.

King's led 2-1 at the end of the first round, and 4-2 at the end of the second.

Outstanding player of the evening, although he figured on the losing side of the score on one occasion, was the hard-hitting left-hander S. P. Chan. His speed in covering court and his wealth of experience were the great factors in an impressive performance.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui were King's most successful couple, winning all three games. They were rather fortunate, however, in playing A. E. P. Guest and W. Gillies in the first game of the evening before the latter pair had settled down to conditions.

Guest and Gillies were the surprise packet of the evening. Guest has not played in the League for a

## MEDICALS DEFEAT SERVICE CORPS

At Sookunpoo yesterday, Royal Army Medical Corps beat Royal Army Service Corps by 36 runs in friendly cricket match. There were two players short in each team.

Webb, of R.A.M.C., hit 7 fours in his 55, while Young of R.A.S.C. hit 6 in his 31.

#### R.A.M.C.

Q.M.S. Patterson, c Cooper, b Dart	39
Cpl. Webb, retired	55
H. P. Lim, b Logan	7
Q.M.S. Green, hit wicket, b Logan	0
Cpl. Eddy, l.b.w., b Benford	10
Cpl. Musson, c Govier, b Logan	3
Pte. Glen, not out	7
Pte. Holden, b Benford	0
Pte. Walton, c Dart, b Young	5
Extras (B7, LB4)	12

Total (for 7 wkts.) 137

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	R.	O.	M.	W.
Martin	6	1	29	0
Young	5	0	25	1
Cooper	3	0	34	0
Dart	3	0	16	1
Benford	2	0	8	2
Logan	3	0	14	3

#### R.A.S.C.

L/Cpl. Young, l.b.w., b Green	31
Cpl. Cooper, b Webb	10
Cpl. Dart, st. Patterson, b Eddy	5
Cpl. Martin, b Green	1
Dvr. Logan, c Patterson, b Eddy	17
Cpl. Mann, b Green	7
Cpl. Theaker, c Musson, b Green	0
L/Cpl. Govier, not out	5
Cpl. Benford, c Patterson, b Lim	12
Extras (B8, LB5)	13

Total (for 8 wkts.) 101

#### BOWLING ANALYSIS

	R.	O.	M.	W.
Green	9	0	39	4
Webb	5	0	24	1
Eddy	3	0	20	2
Lim	1	0	5	1

## K.G.C. DEWAR CUP COMPETITION

In the final of the above competition W. Kershaw (14) beat A. E. Davies (6) at the 18 hole.

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Following are the starting times arranged for Sunday.

9.00 a.m. A. Lopes & A. E. Davies.
9.04 a.m. W. Simpson & C. J. Anderson.
9.08 a.m. F. Barry & W. A. Stewart.
9.12 a.m. A. Ramsey & E. Fincher.
9.16 a.m. J. Dennis & W. Ahern.
9.20 a.m. S. Jex & E. C. Fincher.
9.24 a.m. W. Bastin & T. Lamb.
9.28 a.m. R. Collings & J. Eastman.
9.32 a.m. G. P. Murphy & G. Milne.

## HOCKEY

### POLICE BEAT CLUB

The Police hockey team defeated the Hong Kong Hockey Club by one goal to nil in a friendly match played at King's Park yesterday. Police were two players short.

T. S. D. Whitley made his first appearance for Club since his return from leave, playing at centreforward, while Club fielded also two players new to the side, E. H. Brazel and E. W. Bannister.

The teams:  
**CLUB**—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond, E. V. Reed; N. B. Whitley, W. A. Reed, and E. H. Brazel; W. Spencer, G. D. Woolgar, T. S. D. Whitley, and E. W. Bannister.

**POLICE**—Balwant Singh; Mehar Singh, Naranjan Singh; Brown and Leslie; Joginder Singh, Anat Shah, Narwant Singh, and Bakshi Singh.

### LADIES' HOCKEY PRACTICE

The women's Mainland hockey team, selected to meet the Island women in a charity hockey programme on December 10 in aid of the British War Organisation Fund, will have their first practice match on Monday, when they will meet R.A.M.C. on the C.B.A. ground at 5.15 p.m.

The Mainland team is—J. Hall; G. White, Mrs. Wilnot; M. McCaw, I. Woolley; J. Wong; M. Marr, B. Harker, D. McCaw, H. Reid, M. Shand.

Reserves—B. Parsons, F. Wong, B. Longbottom, A. Smith.

### FANLING HUNT

The opening Meet of the Fanling Hunt will be held at Tien Ping Shan at 2.45 p.m. on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Stanton will be at home.

and with the return of Henry Kew, due from Australia to-day, they can be expected to have a great deal to say in the results of their future matches.

To take three games off a team like King's apparently in full practice, with all the handicaps that beset them last night can be considered a really fine effort.

H. T. Woo and K. L. Lui (King's College).

beat A. E. P. Guest and W. Gillies 21-17

beat E. F. Fincher and A. E. Brown 21-5

beat A. S. Bliss and M. Weill 21-6

W. C. Chung and K. H. Lo (King's College).

lost to Guest and Gillies 11-21

lost to Fincher and Brown 20-22

beat Bliss and Weill 21-14

S. P. Chan and T. Lam (King's College).

lost to Guest and Gillies 16-31

beat Fincher and Brown 21-11

beat Bliss and Weill 21-10



THE ladies' teams announced for the charity hockey festival on Sunday week, representative of the Island and the Mainland, look pretty useful.

At first glance they appear very well-balanced and spectators should be assured of keen fare in this the first game of its kind of the season.

There is little to choose between the two goalkeepers. Mrs. Lunson, the Island custodian has had the benefit of Interport experience but I don't think it will be very long before Miss June Hall will also represent this port. Miss Hall is young and is prepared to listen to advice. In consequence she has improved considerably and now shows a sound idea of when the goal should be left and when it is more advisable to stay at home. Her finest attribute is her coolness.

## SPORTS PARADE

As regards the backs, here again there is not much in it. Miss White the Interporter, has proved herself time and again and Mrs. Wilmott, it will be recalled, was also selected to make the last trip to Shanghai but was unable to get away.

In the Island team that seasoned veteran Miss Gray will partner Mrs. Nance Strange. The former needs no introduction but from what I have seen of the latter in League matches this year she is inclined to be slow. She possesses a very hard hit, however, and can be expected to give a good account of herself.

Although the Island selections are impressive I like the Kowloon intermediate line-up even more. With Miss I. L. Woolley, as pivot, supported on her flanks by Miss Muriel McCaw and Miss Jessie Wong, Island forwards will have their work cut out in piercing the opposition lines.

Nevertheless Mrs. Stone, Miss K. Pocock and Miss Greaves are not a combination to be sneered at. Miss Pocock is in her first season in local hockey but has already created a great impression with her efficient and businesslike methods as a pivot. Mainland will have out an all-star

forward line whereas there appear to me to be one or two weak links in the Island attack.

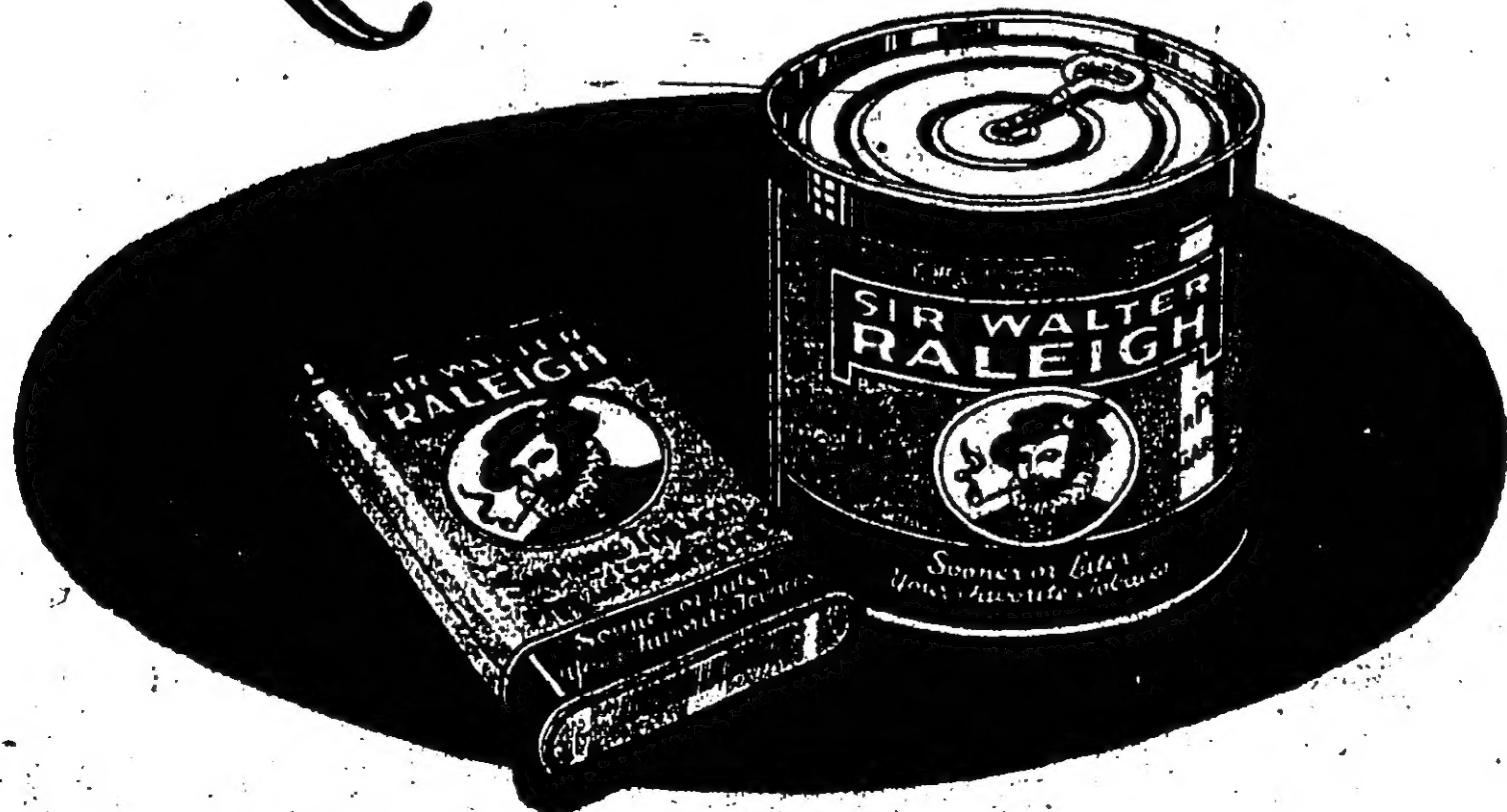
Taking all things into consideration I think Mainland should win because of their apparent better balance, but it should not be by a very big margin.

I feel constrained to pay a tribute to one of the finest young sportsmen in Hong Kong whose death under such regrettable circumstances occurred yesterday. Carlos Nolasco was a true sportsman and very well liked in swimming and badminton circles with which games he was most closely associated. I feel that all those who came in contact with him through games would like to join me in expressing keen sympathy to his family in their great bereavement.



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# RED INVASION SPECULATION

(Continued from Page 1)  
no resistance. The flash-point would be a Soviet invasion of the Karelian Isthmus.

Paris observers still think Russia is merely trying to compel Finland to a more accommodating resumption of negotiations.—Havas.

## WORKING UP FEELING FOR MILITARY ACTION?

Moscow, To-day.

Examining the Soviet "war of nerves" as applied to Finland, neutral observers point out that in the early stages, official Soviet pronouncements were obviously intended for consumption abroad, and the world believed it would be only a "war of nerves."

To-day, however, the Soviet press and radio are filled with inflammatory utterances, and organised indignation meetings are being held.

This, neutral observers feel, would seem to indicate that the Red populace is being prepared for military action.—Reuter.

## DIPLOMATS RECALLED

Helsinki, To-day.

The Soviet Minister in Finland and the Commercial Attache have been recalled.—Reuter.

## MOLOTOV BROADCAST (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

In his broadcast to the people, announcing severance of diplomatic relations with Finland, Foreign Commissar, M. Molotov said:—

"The hostile Finnish attitude compels us to act so as to ensure the State's safety. We are withdrawing our diplomatic and economic representatives from Helsinki and instructing our troops to stand ready.

"Finland did not respect the Non-Aggression Pact and arrogantly desires to continue threatening Leningrad.

He alleged that the present Fin-

nish Government was entangled in anti-Soviet commitments to foreign Imperialist States, which he did not name, and did not wish to maintain normal relations with the U.S.S.R.

"We are, however, considering Finland as an independent and sovereign state and are willing to help the Finnish people and guarantee their liberty.

"Appropriate measures for ensuring Russia's safety would bring about a new era in good Finno-Russian relations."—Havas.

## DID NOT HAND OVER NOTE (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Moscow, To-day.

It is reliably reported that when the Finnish Minister, M. Koskinen, visited M. Molotov to hand him the answer to the Soviet note demanding the withdrawal of Finnish troops, he was notified by M. Potemkin that diplomatic relations had been suspended, and handed his passports.

He did not hand over the note he had brought.—Havas.

## NO SPECIAL MEASURES YET TAKEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Helsinki, To-day.

Finland has not yet taken any special military measures, apart from those taken some time ago.

Nevertheless, it is anticipated that all army leave will be cancelled.—Havas.

## GERMANY'S RELATIONS WITH RUSSIA

Berlin, To-day.

German quarters say that Finland's independence is not threatened in the present dispute with Soviet Russia, and the Reich is still hoping for a peaceful settlement.

If there is a conflict the question of whether or not Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia will hold the consultations provided for under their pact will depend on developments.—Reuter.

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Kwong Chow Wan, To-day.  
The situation north of Nanking this morning was described "all quiet." The Japanese are apparently consolidating before making a drive to Liuchow. Warships and armed trawlers are cruising off Pakhoi.—Our Own Correspondent.

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## RUMANIA MAY MAKE CLEAR STAND

Bucharest, To-day.

Neutral observers here are of the opinion that Rumania will shortly follow Turkey's lead and improve existing links with the Allies.

All over Europe, diplomats are "jittery."

It is felt that the original Soviet-Nazi plan called for Poland to be attacked, followed by pressure being brought to bear on the Baltic countries, Finland, Rumania, and then Turkey, Iraq and the East would come up "for settlement of existing problems."

So far, the plan has gone more or less to schedule as regards Poland and the small Baltic countries.

Finland, however, sprang a surprise on the two totalitarian governments by mobilising immediately she was threatened.—Reuter.

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